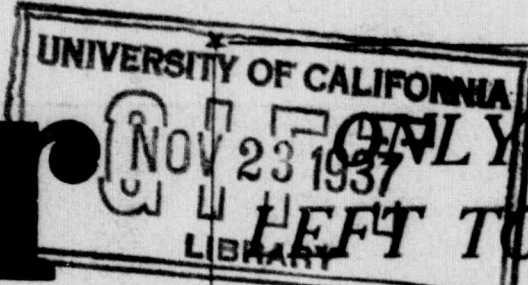


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VIGILANTES ATTACK WOMAN

3RD OUTRAGE IN ONE WEEK BY THUG GANG

Workers Alliance Head's
Wife Badly Beaten
in San Bernardino

SAN BERNARDINO—Mrs. Perry Rahal, wife of the Workers' Alliance Secretary, was the victim of the third vigilante outrage in this city in one week.

Mrs. Rahal was beset by three thugs on Monday morning, knocked to the ground and badly beaten. Several hundred leaflets were destroyed by the hoodlums who also smashed crockery and furniture.

The attack on Mrs. Rahal followed two earlier incidents in which the organized band of vigilantes smashed the windows of the Workers' Alliance Hall on Friday night, and raided a Communist Party mass meeting on the previous Monday night.

Vigilantes have been given a free hand by city officials who made no effort to stop the outrages, although fully aware of the situation. Mayor C. T. Johnson was notified by the Alliance on Friday night that they had received a warning of the vigilante's intention. He took no steps to avoid the outbreak.

The vigilantes rode by in cars past the hall at 923 Third Street and hurled missiles through the windows. No police were on the scene. Later that evening they pursued two workers who escorted a woman Alliance member home after the meeting.

The present reign of terror began a week ago Monday night, when the hoodlums attacked a Communist Party mass meeting celebrating the twentieth anniversary of the Soviet Union. Pat Chambers, recently released Criminal Evendenism prisoner, and Jack Eagen, Los Angeles harbor organizer of the Communist Party, were slugged.

In reply to a protest from the State Committee of the Party which termed the incident "a blot on your city," Mayor Johnson baldly stated that the Constitutional rights of free speech and assembly were not to be protected in San Bernardino. He said the protest was "silly." Two more "silly" outrages followed since the Mayor virtually gave the hoodlums a "go ahead" signal.

Communists Urge

Vigilante Quiz

SAN FRANCISCO—A telegram urging an immediate investigation of San Bernardino vigilanteism was dispatched to the Assembly Interim Committee on capital and labor by the state committee of the Communist Party last week.

"We are convinced," said the wire over the signatures of State Chairman Anita Whitney and Secretary Bill Schneiderman, "that a sinister vigilante organization which was responsible for breaking up a public meeting on November 8 and beating up Pat Chambers. Also responsible for last year's attack on Radio Station KFXM breaking up two Communist election campaign radio speeches. Police refused to take any steps whatsoever although recognized Legionnaires participated in all three incidents."

CIO Maps Fight For Labor Unity

WASHINGTON—The unity conference of three American Federation of Labor representatives and 10 Committee for Industrial Organization delegates, will reconvene here Thursday, November 18, after a recess of eight days.

The CIO held a special caucus of its delegation, with Chairman John L. Lewis, during the recess in order to analyze the results of the sessions to date and to map further plans in its fight for labor unity.

NAZIS GRAB DEPOSITS

DANZIG—Deposits of Jewish business men amounting to more than \$300,000 have been confiscated by Hitler-influenced Danzig authorities, it was revealed recently.

Legionnaires Join Communists in Progressive Move

LOS ANGELES—Officers representing the Mexican Post of the American Legion in Belvedere this week approached F. Moisa, well-known Communist, and proposed that the Mexican Post and the Communist Party of Belvedere join forces in a program of community betterment.

Presenting the position of the Communist Party on such matters, Moisa said, "The Party is always willing to participate in any genuine progressive measures designed to improve conditions of working people."

Moisa agreed to speak at the next meeting of the Legionnaires, at which time plans will be worked out in line with the general program.

'NEUTRALITY' ACT BLOCKING PEACE ACTION

Britain Passes Buck to U. S.
After Censure Vote
Against Japan.

BRUSSELS—The United States Neutrality Act emerged here as a key factor in determining whether collective action will be taken to curb aggression of Japan in China. With only Italy voting in opposition, the conference of signatories of the Nine-Power Treaty adopted a declaration that Japan is an outlaw among peace loving nations of the world.

Twice Invited
Twice invited to the conference, Japan had turned down the invitation on both occasions. Great Britain, followed by France, have consistently evaded any move to apply joint economic action against Japan. Accordingly, both countries declared that proposals for any such action must now come from the United States.

The conference adjourned for a week immediately following the censure vote.

Before it at the time of adjournment were the proposals of Dr. Wellington Koo, China's delegate, for sanctions against the aggressor. Dr. Koo pointed out that Japan internal economy leans heavily on its export trade, 65 per cent of which is absorbed by the United States, Great Britain, France and the Netherlands.

Denmark, Norway and Sweden, although they refused to vote affirmatively on the declaration of censure, announced that they favored it in principle. The conference now stands committed to a vague final provision of the censure declaration which says that the democratic powers "must now consider what their common attitude will be."

Silence in Washington
At virtually the same moment that Norman Davis was casting the United States vote for the censure of Japan, the United States Congress was assembling in Washington.

Neither in the opening message of President Roosevelt nor in the action of the state department was there any mention of the possibility of repealing or amending the Neutrality Act.

Arabs Revolting Against Franco's Morocco Regime

VALENCIA—Fascist garrisons of General Francisco Franco resorted to machine gun terror to put down revolts of Arabs in Spanish Morocco, it was learned on good authority here.

In Tetuan, capital of the province held by the fascists since the start of the war, a number of demonstrators were killed as they protested the means used by the Franco command in recruiting Arabs to fight against the Loyalists in Spain. Promise of jobs had been used to herd them together, followed by forced regimentation.

The revolt was especially significant in view of Mussolini's effort to take advantage of Great

Infantile Paralysis Victims Fleeced in \$1,000,000 Racket

40 Per Cent of County Nurses Stricken
Still Maimed—Incompetent Doctors
Linked to Politicians in Scandal

By EMIL FREED

LOS ANGELES—There is a lot of money to be made out of epidemics if you know the right people. If you are a doctor, chances are you won't be caught at it.

Thousands of dollars minted out of the blood and twisted bones of infantile paralysis victims; old, smelly apartment

houses hurriedly converted into sanitariums; an astoundingly high number of operations under suspicious circumstances all form segments of a jig-saw puzzle which fitted together form as vile a picture of graft and corruption as can be found in the unsavory past of Los Angeles County politics.

Parts of that jig saw were pieced together during the recent County Grand Jury investigation into the cases of 139 nurses stricken with infantile paralysis two years ago during an epidemic at the General Hospital. The Western Worker supplies the parts which were omitted and which are based on the following astounding facts:

Record of Negligence

1. When infantile paralysis swept Los Angeles in 1934, county health provisions were found to be inadequate. As a result of the use of inadequate facilities close to 300 nurses were stricken with the disease.

2. Ignoring the existence of a committee of qualified medical experts who were coping with the epidemic, the Board of Supervisors farmed out these cases to favored private doctors who in many instances lacked any qualifications for treating the patients. This was turned into a racket as every General Hospital nurse is a county employee and four dollars a day was set aside for the care of each stricken nurse.

As a result of the more than \$1,000,000 in the taxpayers' money expended for the care of these victims, thousands

went into the coffers of private doctors and institutions. 3. The County Auditor's office intimidated the patients by issuing a letter which threatened them with discontinuation of their compensation if they refused to "cooperate" with the private doctors.

Girls Sterilized

4. Many totally unnecessary operations were performed upon the girls in some instances maiming them for life. Some of the girls were sterilized.

5. The incompetence and criminal negligence of these private doctors, beneficiaries of political patronage, resulted in the following comparison:

Of the 3,000 persons, other than county employees, stricken with the disease, all but 4 or 5 per cent have been rehabilitated and are back at their former occupations. The number of county employees still on compensation and receiving medical treatment amounts to 40 per cent!

Nearly all of these are the nurses who were farmed out to private hospitals!

These are the facts and tragic aftermath of the infantile paralysis epidemic which broke in May, 1934.

Poliomyelitis (the medical term for the disease) leaves its victims paralyzed and highly nervous. Under the proper care of orthopedists and neurologists, the disease can be controlled and the resulting paralysis avoided.

When the epidemic started, the

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Japan Moves On Nanking Link Capone To IA Czar

(See Editorial, Page 4, Special Article, Page 8.)

SHANGHAI—Japan's desperate rush to clear the Chinese defense lines at Soochow, dropping more than 700 aerial bombs with in a period of 24 hours in its drive to clear the roads to Nanking.

Striving for a break in the Chinese government's solid determination to spread the fighting front throughout the country if necessary, the Japanese mechanized divisions swept west from fallen Shanghai into the Yangtze Delta, simultaneously opening a new drive southward toward Shantung Province from the North.

Japan's hope of immediate negotiations for peace, before the costly victories turn into defeat, was apparent in headquarters announcements that "nothing could save Nanking" short of acceptance of the Japanese terms.

Japanese claims of dominating the North completely after the fall of Taiyuan-fu, capital of Shansi, were directly contradicted by the presence of the Eighth Route Army, fighting guerilla style.

HOLLYWOOD—Robert Montgomery, president of the Screen Actors' Guild, was under subpoena to testify on the attempted raid by Intl. Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees officials on his union, as the Assembly Committee on Capital and Labor continued its investigation into the IATSE's affairs.

Association of George Browne, IATSE president and AFL vice-president, with gangster Al Capone and other Chicago mobsters, was hinted by Assemblyman Jack B. Tenney last Friday in the committee's hearing.

Gangster Connections
"Wasn't President Browne associated with Tommy Malloy, business manager for the IATSE Motion Picture Operators local in Chicago?" asked Tenney of Steve B. Newman, IATSE international representative.

"Yes," said Newman. "Did that association extend beyond union work?"

"I don't know."

"Do you know whether Malloy was associated with Al Capone?" inquired Tenney.

Newman didn't know.

Assemblyman Fred Muldoon questioned Newman's statement that an "emergency" exists in the IA because its organizational drive isn't finished, although the union has 12,000 members and not enough work for them.

Anti-Strike "Reason"

Newman answered that "one thing that I know was in President Browne's mind was to put safeguards around the organization so that the membership could not strike."

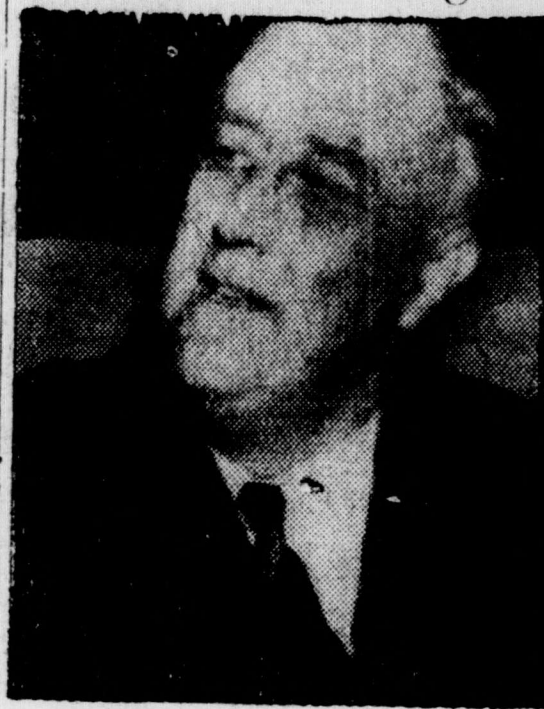
Irwin P. Hentschel and James E. Shaw, both of IA Local 37, testified that the union locals have no officers, have called no meeting since 1933, collect over \$50,000 per month in dues and assessments and have never rendered a financial statement to the membership.

Members Testify

Asked if he had ever inquired as to the disbursement of dues

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Sends Message



LOS ANGELES STOOL QUILTS IN VICE CASE

City Hall in Attempt to
Undermine Clinton as
Grand Juror

LOS ANGELES—Startling evidence of an attempt by the city administration to undermine Grand Juror Clifford E. Clinton's crusade against organized vice and corruption came to light last week with the sudden resignation of Hanson H. "Buck" Hathaway, reputedly an undercover man for the City Hall, as Clinton's press agent.

Hathaway was caught red-handed waking out of the grand jury chambers where he assertedly "ratted" on Clinton in an effort to discredit the anti-vice movement.

How Hathaway, who was once accused of attempting to bribe a woman member of the Los Angeles Board of Education, wormed his way into Clinton's confidence—remained a black mystery.

Says He Knew
To observers, it seemed incredible that Clinton could remain ignorant of Hathaway's former shady connections.

Question by a Western Worker correspondent, Clinton declared that he knew about Hathaway's past all the time.

"If I had it to do all over again, I wouldn't alter my plans," the crusader declared. "Unwittingly, Hathaway gave us much valuable information."

Did Gumshoe Job

Hathaway's connection with the city machine was pretty well established when he was assigned

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Make Shipowners Law Abiding, Says Maritime Council

NEW YORK—"If the Maritime Commission is sincere in wishing to avoid strikes, build discipline and improve safety at sea, let it cooperate with the seamen in their efforts to bring these things about," declared the New York Maritime Council, in a 6000-word answer to the anti-labor report made by the Federal Maritime Commission last week.

Together we can make the shipowners peaceful and law abiding," said the council's report.

The council's study also recommended government ownership and operation of shipping.

The Maritime Commission announced last week that it was recommending legislation to the current special session of Congress, to set up a Maritime

Mediation Board along the lines of the anti-strike Railway Labor Act, which would mean virtual compulsory arbitration.

Force Naming of

Herrod as Deputy

MARTINEZ—Organized labor won a political victory here last week when it forced Sheriff Miller to appoint a labor man to a deputy sheriff's vacancy.

Upon insistence of a committee representing the Contra Costa Federated Trades & Labor Council, Miller named Sam Herrod, a leader in Labor's Non-Partisan League and secretary of Rodeo Oil Workers Local 326, to the post.

Raise National Income F. D. R. Tells Congress

MAKE YOUR CHOICE:
RECOVERY OR RUIN!

—An Editorial—

CONGRESS is in special session with the shadow of a "marked recession in industrial production and industrial purchases" hanging over it. This, to again use the words of President Roosevelt, "has the effect of decreasing the national income—and that is a matter of definite concern."

The problem before Congress is how to meet this decline in national income, how to stave off the impending economic catastrophe.

For weeks now the big guns of big business and its kept press have been booming:

"Give us a breathing spell. Cut our taxes. Slash unemployment relief. Leave us a free hand to keep wages low and working hours long. Don't help the farmers. Balance the budget. Let us gamble with other people's money on the stock market without any interference. This will give us encouragement and business will boom."

From the rank and file of the American people there has been little more than a pistol shot which whispered:

"Help us increase our terribly low incomes so that we can

buy more and thereby open up a wider market to industrial production. Pass a wages and hours bill which will raise the pay of low income groups and increase employment through a reduction in hours. Restore jobs to those laid off WPA workers who have not been absorbed by private industry. Help the farmers to cover their 'cost of production.' Put further checks on wild speculation in Wall Street. Tax those who are best able to pay, those to whom taxation means no real decline in purchasing power. Do that and not only will you aid that third of the nation which is ill-fed, ill-housed and ill-clothed, but you will open up a great market for industrial products and thereby help further recovery."

These are the two programs before Congress. Actually big business wants a return to the "rugged individualism" days of ex-President Hoover. They were given a free hand then and the people remember what happened. Their present policy of cutting the income of the workers and farmers cannot but have similar results. They want freedom to loot the people and the country be damned.

So great has been the pressure from Wall Street, coupled with its deliberate encouragement to the recent slump in stock prices, that a large section of Congress is ready to surrender.

On the other hand, President Roosevelt's message to Congress indicates some of the necessary measures to meet the situation. Despite the withering fire from big business, his message retains the fundamental principles enunciated in his fireside chat—principles aiming to increase income in the lowest brackets. Even the two disquieting notes in his message—those on tax revision and budget balancing—have greatly trimmed down the commitments to big business contained in Secretary Morgenthau's speech.

Just how far the Administration program will go and how thorough it will be depends upon the action of the people. So far the voice of Wall Street has submerged all else.

A recent Kiplinger Letter, private and authoritative information service for big business, reports that labor has weakened its pressure for a wages and hours bill while big business has greatly increased its pressure against it.

Such a situation is alarming!

Should it continue, the big business program will go through Congress on greased rails.

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CENSUS WILL LAY BASIS OF RELIEF POLICY

Roosevelt Urges Complete Registration; Alliance Offers Assistance

A Nation-wide radio appeal of President Roosevelt Sunday night to make the unemployment census a "complete, honest and accurate" survey, served to underline similar appeals already issued by both the American Federation of Labor and the Committee for Industrial Organization.

The significance of the poll and the importance of securing full information through it was underlined by the President's remark that it will be used as a factual basis around which to base the administration's relief policy.

General Appeal

City and state officials, as well as official and semi-official welfare bodies throughout the nation, had earlier made the same appeal.

Locals of the Workers Alliance in California, meanwhile, volunteered to assist all those eligible to register, pointing out that failure of the eligible would inevitably become the basis for heavy cuts in relief.

Eighty-five thousand registration blanks were scheduled to be delivered by postmen to every adult in the nation Tuesday, November 16, and must be in the return mail by midnight of Saturday, November 20.

Classifications

The following are eligible to register: totally unemployed, relief clients, WPA workers, part time workers, unemployed union workers, and aged and sick who are financially dependent on charity or on other individuals.

In San Francisco the Workers' Alliance in California announced that it will give advice and assistance during the five days of registration, November 16 to November 20, at the following headquarters: 717 Market Street, Room 509; 1359 Fillmore Street; 370 Valencia Street; 364 Third Street, and 83 McAllister Street, room 416.

Sproul Possible G. O. P. Candidate For Governorship

OAKLAND — The Western Worker has it on excellent authority that high Liberty League Republican Party committees are considering President Robert Gordon Sproul of the University of California as a possible GOP presidential candidate in 1940.

Sproul has just been named head of the Republican New Policies Committee of California. His reputation as a liberal combined with his "safe and sound" political and economic views make him an ideal candidate of a "rejuvenated" Republican Party, backers think.

The university administration, which Sproul dominates, has blocked abolition of compulsory ROTC for years despite overwhelming student opposition to the military exercises.

San Francisco Unionist Dies In Spanish Fight

SAN FRANCISCO — News of the death of Ben Smith, member of the ILWU, has been received at the local headquarters of the Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. His address here was 214 Fourth Street.

Smith was killed during the offensive against Fuentes, during the Saragossa campaign, on or about October 13. His friends and relatives are requested to communicate with the Friends of the Lincoln Brigade at 321 Market Street, Room 224, phone EX. 8786.

No Sign of Peace in L. A. Parade on Armistice Day

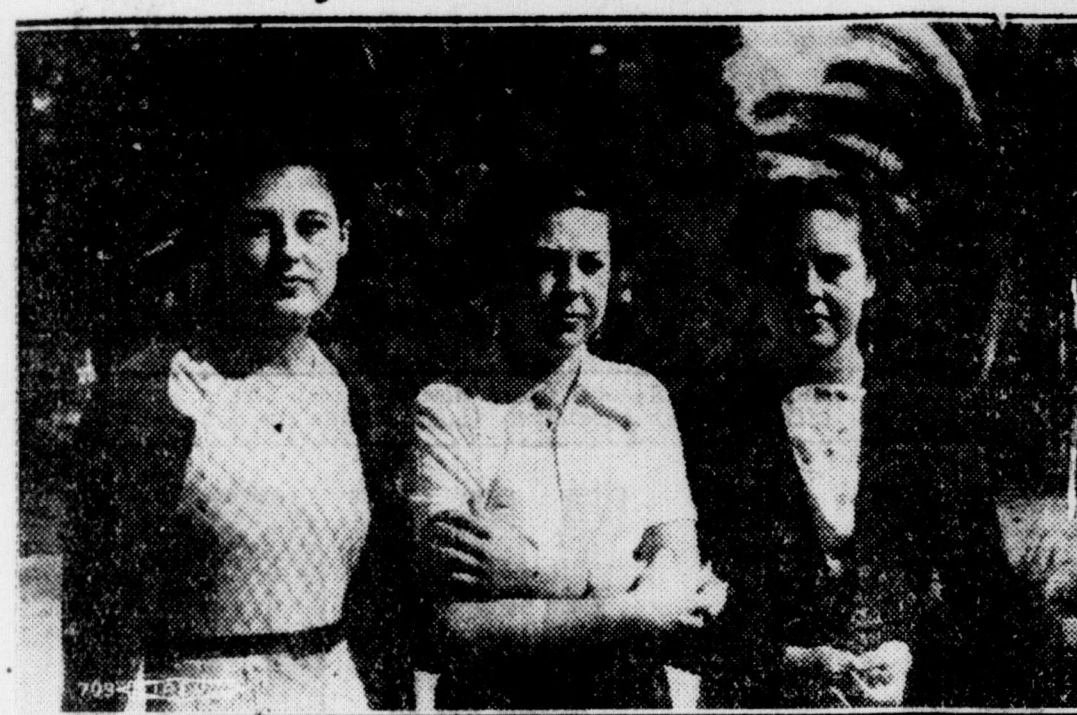
LOS ANGELES—Riding aloft a swirling color-go-round of serpentine, confetti, banners and uniform, the "Stars and Stripes" took full possession of Broadway last Thursday when close to 10,000 persons marched in the annual Armistice Day parade.

The parade, dedicated to Peace, was staged against the contradictory background of swords and rifles, army bands and military garb. Among the many reminders of war, tokens of peace became conspicuous by their absence.

By far, the largest part of the parade was made up of Legionnaires with their hats tilted sideways on their heads. Each post had its own vividly colored banners and emblems. Some were dressed in business suits; most of them in clothes of old and nondescript origin.

High school youths in the ROTC ranked second in number to Legionnaires. Marching in the parade, following the orders of their "officers" who had already learned the

Loyalist Prisoners



PLUMP AND healthy, well-cared-for and even a bit saucy, the three daughters of the Marquis de Larios, two of them captured by Spanish government troops in a Fascist military hospital at Brunete, belie press propaganda of reactionary U. S. publishers that the Loyalists cast members of the aristocracy into dark dungeons to die. Left to right: Maria Isabel, Margarita, wife of Miguel Primo de Rivera, son of the former dictator, and Maria Luisa. The government is willing to exchange them for republican prisoners. Unlike the Loyalists, Franco has carried out wholesale executions.

Progressive Party Names Candidates

FRESNO—Raymond L. Haight, candidate of the Progressive and Commonwealth parties for governor in 1934, was endorsed for that office by the California Progressive Commonwealth Federation at its state-wide conference here Sunday. Assemblyman Ellis E. Patterson of King City was endorsed for the lieutenant governorship.

By its endorsements of individuals, the federation veered away from the policy advocated by the California Committee for Political Unity, which urged all progressive forces in the state to seek unity now on political programs and defer discussion of individual candidates.

Assemblyman Patterson is himself one of the sponsors of this position, as are a number of other assemblymen and congressmen which Sunday's conference endorsed for reelection.

These endorsees were Frank R. Havenner, San Francisco; H. Jerry Voorhis, San Dimas; Ed Isaac, San Diego, and Byron N. Scott, Long Beach, for congress; Michael J. Burns, John G. Clark, Wilbur Gilber, Augustus F. Hawkins, Elmer E. Lore, George Miller, Paul Peek, John B. Pelletier, Fred Reaves, Paul Ritchie, Ben Rosenthal and Jack H. Tenney, for assembly.

The conference urged a quarantine against goods manufactured by an aggressor nation, legislation permitting the United States to sell arms and munitions to victims of aggression, abolition of graft and racketeering in government, and the dropping by the state board of education of charges against Victor Jewett, teacher dismissed in Eureka as a result of his support for striking lumber workers and their unions.

Police Victim Is Convicted

LOS ANGELES—Blandly accepting the testimony of five policemen, one of whom admitted that he had lied, 12 jurors last week found Roosevelt Patrick, young Negro mechanic, guilty of a charge of "drunk driving."

Patrick is scheduled to appear before Municipal Judge Benjamin Scheinman for sentence November 19. Last October 23, turning into the driveway of his own home, his car was struck by another driven by Policeman Charles Brody, himself under the influence of liquor. Four witnesses testified that Brody known for his terroristic treatment of Negroes on the Southside, demanded that Patrick pay him \$5 to repair the car "or go to jail."

Patrick refused. Brody hit him over the head with handcuffs, struck him in the face and jailed him.

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CIO WILL SAVE DEMOCRACY IN U. S.—BITTNER

Steel Workers Organizer Calls for Unionization of Unorganized

OAKLAND—"The CIO will not only save the workers, but will save American democracy as well," declared Van A. Bittner, Steel Workers Organizing Committee leader, before the Alameda County Industrial Union Council last Monday.

"The organization of the unorganized is helping not only the men and women in the unions and their dependents, but all other workers also," he said.

Bittner told the council that the CIO had organized more mass production workers during the past 16 months than the AFL had during more than 50 years of existence.

Organizing Unorganized

Referring to the Washington conference between the CIO and AFL, Bittner stated the CIO is offering the Federation a chance to help organize the millions of men and women in industry, whom the CIO is determined to unionize.

"But it is not our purpose to destroy a single legitimate union affiliated with the AFL," he said. "The CIO is primarily interested in organizing the unorganized. We are for industrial unions in the mass production industries, because that is the type the workers want and the kind they must have to have any kind of union at all."

Easy to Beat Beck

Touching briefly on the recent Teamster officials' embargo fiasco against the longshoremen and warehousemen, Bittner stated:

"Dave Beck is nothing compared to the millions of workers in the CIO. The longshoremen and warehousemen showed how easy it is to defeat Beck when they are determined to. They will not rest until not only Beck but all the racketeers are kicked out of the labor movement."

No Discrimination

The CIO makes no distinction of race, creed or color, said Bittner, citing the 110,000 Negroes in his own union, the United Mine Workers, as proof.

"The Mexican who came to California last week and joined the union industry is a better American and Californian than the native son who works in industry and doesn't join the union," he said.

Link Capone To IA Czar

Montgomery to Testify on Raid Attempt on Actors

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and assessments, Hentschel replied: "Yes, and I have been told: 'We don't know anything about it. Mr. Browne is handling this.'"

Shaw testified that late in 1935, IA international officers and producers met in conference in New York and signed a closed shop contract.

"At that time," stated Shaw, "we were forced, on notice from the studio, to drop our cards in Electrical Workers Local 40, and join the IATSE."

Fired on "Union Orders"

Shaw, Hentschel and Chester Cohea have two law suits pending which seek to have Superior Courts force the IATSE officials to call meetings, have elections of officers and account for funds. Hentschel said five days after the suit was filed, he was fired from a studio. Shaw said he was fired from Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer for similar reasons.

Francis Harrison Black, employed by Warner Bros. for six years, said he was fired three days after insisting to union officials that a receipt for his 2 per cent assessment be marked "paid under protest," and that a studio official, Joe Gilpin, told him he was fired on "union orders."

Shaw testified the average day's work per member has been brought down to approximately three hours.

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Pension Union Convention Maps Legislative Program to Enforce Law; National Organization Predicted

SEATTLE—Washington's old people, having created a fighting Pension Union of 2,000 members, predicted the spread of the organization throughout the nation as their first state convention adjourned here.

The two-day convention of nearly 700 delegates from 150 locals formulated a legislative

campaign to force adequate old age pension laws and their administration in the state. It decided on a campaign to secure the full enforcement of existing state pension laws now being flouted by Governor Clarence D. Martin of Washington and demanded legislation increasing the stipend to \$60 monthly.

No Isolation

The campaign, unlike those of the Townsend movement, of which the bulk of the Union's membership was once a part, will be one of mutual assistance with labor unions and other progressive forces. The delegates heard Secretary Howard Costigan of the Washington Commonwealth Federation declare:

"We shall see that Governor Clarence D. Martin and State Social Security Administrator Charles F. Ernst live up to the \$30 minimum old age assistance law they wrote, and also that no governor, congressman or county commissioner is elected who is not pledged to a program that will provide the American

Prominent Speakers

Pledges of full support were delivered in person at the convention by such leaders as Lieutenant Governor Victor A. Myers, Earl Gunther, first vice president of the Washington Commonwealth Federation; Eugene Dennett, executive secretary of the Seattle Industrial Labor Union Council; Byrd Keiso, Work-

Women Shoppers Form New Branches in L. A.

LOS ANGELES—Three new branches of the League of Women Shoppers have been established within the past several weeks in addition to the earlier established Hollywood Film Branch.

Plans of the rapidly growing organization, announced Mrs. Davida Franchi, executive secretary, include a radio broadcast at 3 p. m., Tuesday, November 16, over KFVD.

Already, said Mrs. Franchi, splendid results have been achieved through a campaign in which thousands of postcards were mailed by women to department stores, protesting against the anti-union, anti-labor policy of the Downtown Shopping News in which they advertise.

Last week at the home of Mrs. Frank Tuttle, wife of the well known film director, plans were laid to organize the film branch "straight through the industry, including the wives of laborers, carpenters, make-up artists, actors and directors."

"Heretofore it has been possible to exert pressure at the point of production with varying degrees of success," Irving Pichel told last week's meeting of the film branch, "but it remains for the League of Women Shoppers to exert successful pressure at the point where products are consumed." Another is soon to be formed on Los Angeles' Southside.

BUCK PASSED AS M'DONOUGH FIRM GOES ON

District Attorney, Insurance Commissioner, Deny Responsibility

SAN FRANCISCO—With Pete McDonough still doing business at the same old stand despite notification that his bail bond license is canceled, the state insurance commission and district attorney's office were last week passing the buck as to responsibility for closing down on him.

Every indication pointed to the erstwhile "kingpin of police graft here of defying the decision of State Insurance Commissioner Samuel L. Carpenter, formally denying his application for a license under the new state law. Formal notice of denial had been served on McDonough's attorney, Harold Faulkner.

"We're limited solely to closing an insurance company," said Harold Haas, local administrative assistant to Commissioner Carpenter. Despite the fact that Pete McDonough heads the firm, he said that it could not be closed so long as Tom McDonough's application had not been rejected.

On this application the insurance commission had not acted. District Attorney Matthew Brady's office, leaving the matter to Carpenter, announced "We didn't go into detail investigating how the denial of an application would be enforced."

Japanese to Talk For Boycotting of Japanese Material

OAKLAND—A Japanese and a Chinese worker will join in telling East Bay citizens why they should boycott Japanese-made goods at a meeting November 22 at Danish Hall, 164 Eleventh Street.

George Maurer, executive secretary of the Alameda County Committee of the Communist Party, will deliver the key address.

The boycott, Maurer emphasized, is not aimed at Japanese merchants in the United States but against goods made in Japan. And should have the support of all Japanese interested in preventing the Japanese war lords from plunging their native land into ruin in order to carry on a war of plunder against the Chinese people.

ers' Alliance representative; H. C. Armstrong, Workers' Alliance state president; County Commissioner Tom Smith, Paul Olson, secretary for Congressman John M. Coffey, and Frank Messenger, federal social security board representative.

Legislative Program

Recommendations of the legislative committee set up by the convention called for:

1. Age limit of 60 years, pension \$60 monthly.
2. Pension administrators to consist of county commissioners and an equal number of Pension Union members.
3. State pension board to consist of superintendent of education, state treasurer and lieutenant governor.
4. Applicant to be granted pension within five days after stating his age and resources before a notary public.
5. Two years' residence in the state out of the preceding five to be a requisite of eligibility.
6. Legislation to be drafted by the committee for submission to the next convention.

Support King-Ramsay-Conner

The convention adopted a strong resolution demanding freedom of the California "ship murder" frame-up victims, Earl King, E. G. Ramsay and Frank Conner. Mrs. Cora King Robertson, sister of King, addressed the convention with an appeal for her brother and his fellow victims, receiving a cheer when she cried, "But I would rather see him where he is than to have him sell out to the interests that convicted him!"

Hutcheson Splits Maritime Council

SAN FRANCISCO — William Hutcheson, "czar" president of the Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners, ordered three Carpenters' Union locals to withdraw affiliation to the Maritime Federation District Council No. 2, admitted Secretary W. Moran of Pile Drivers Local 34 last week.

Hutcheson order the withdrawals because CIO unions are affiliated to the District Council, said Moran.

Locals 34, 1149 and 554 withdrew their delegates in accordance with Hutcheson's order.

An Important Announcement!

Due to the generous response of our readers and the progressive movement in the West, the drive to secure funds for the launching of a daily people's paper on Jan. 1 has exceeded expectations. We expected to obtain \$20,000 by Nov. 7. We actually obtained more than \$22,000. We originally hoped to have \$30,000 by Dec. 15. We now believe we will get it by Dec. 1.

This development has necessitated a change in our plans. Whereas, we intended to start a bang-up drive for circulation on December 15, it is now possible and imperative to start it on December 1, two weeks in advance of the original schedule.

This means that a mass of publicity material must be issued, all of which should have the NAME of the daily paper on it. It further means that we will have to change the deadline of our name contest from December 10 to November 25.

We therefore urge all of you to send in your selections immediately.

We also wish to take this occasion to urge you not to let up your efforts on behalf of the new daily people's paper, but to wind up the financial drive with a bang and to start the mass subscription campaign with a bang.

Just select a name for the daily Western Worker which will start publication on January 1 and state the reasons for your selection. Do that NOW and you can win any of the following prizes:

- First prize—\$50 in cash.
- Second prize—a life time subscription to the daily (you name it).
- And three additional offers of one year subscriptions to the daily (you name it).

Read the rules carefully and join the contest.

Contest Rules:

1. Anyone, with the exception of employees of the Western Worker and their immediate families, is eligible.
2. All entries must be mailed no later than NOVEMBER 25, 1937.
3. Each contestant may suggest as many names as he pleases, BUT since the likelihood is that more than one contestant will select the winning name, judges will select the winners on the basis of letters, not more than 500 words, stating the reason for the contestant's selection.

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Anti-Communist Pact Screens Aim to Grab Colonies

SOVIET PAPER BARES SECRET IMPLICATIONS

Rome-Berlin-Tokio Axis Is Direct Menace to America

MOSCOW — Behind the smoke screen of the anti-Communist slogans of the Rome-Berlin-Tokio pact is a military alliance aimed particularly against Britain and France.

The formation of the war bloc of the three fascist powers is due primarily to the tolerance of the previous crimes of the fascist lands by Western democracies, stated the Soviet newspaper Pravda last week.

"It is no secret for anyone," Pravda writes, "that the reference to the Communist International (against which the pact is purportedly directed) is only a fig leaf masking the real content of the Italian-German-Japanese agreement."

REDIVISION OF WORLD — "Now it is clear to all that the question at issue is the creation of a bloc of aggressors with the aim of bringing about a new partition of the world."

"It is sufficient to glance at the map to understand that the entrance of Italy into the Berlin-Tokio pact against the Communist International is directed above all at Britain and France."

"Insofar as the Italian-German-Japanese agreement is also directed against the Soviet Union, the USSR will of course draw its conclusions from the fact of agreement of the fascist war incendiaries."

"Hostile policy toward the Soviet Union will not go unopposed. At the time the German-Japanese agreement of 1936 was being signed, the Soviet Government, as is known, refused to conclude with Japan a fishing pact of importance to Japan, negotiations on which were nearing completion."

FASCISM NOT INVINCIBLE — "The aggressive bloc of Italian and German fascists and the Japanese military circles by no means represents any invincible force, as the fascist dictators are striving to create the impression of."

"The indecisiveness and short-sightedness of the bourgeois-democratic powers in tolerating fascist aggression is the main source of the brazenness of the aggressors, who count on their crimes not meeting any serious resistance in the future, too."

"The sooner the necessity of collective defense of peace is realized by the ruling circles of the bourgeois democratic countries, and primarily England, France and America, the easier will it be to put an end to the aggressive actions of the fascist powers which are preparing a new world slaughter."

Japan Faces Production Difficulties

TOKIO—Japan today faces the most critical internal situation since the empire's foundation, according to a comprehensive article on the economic aspects of the Sino-Japanese war in the Oriental Economist, English-language monthly published in this city.

Admitting that Japan's productive power is now being employed to the maximum extent, the authors declare the necessity of even more exploitation of Japan's oppressed people.

SPEED-UP DEMANDED — "To attain the goal," maintains the article, "the nation's labor must be stretched to twelve hours a day, to fourteen hours and even to fifteen hours. The speed of machinery must be accelerated to the highest point consistent with safety of operation and wherever possible, operation must be placed on a basis of day and night shifts."

Only by such methods of speed-up can enough munitions, machinery and goods of consumption be produced to carry on Japan's invasion of China. Advocating an increased burden on Japan's middle class, the article urges increasing taxes so that the present tax revenue of 1,400,000,000 yen (\$420,000,000) for the 1937 fiscal year could be boosted up to at least 2,500,000,000 (\$750,000,000). Such figures, though lower than the budgets of the United States, represent a tremendous burden on the sixty million inhabitants of the Japanese Islands.

SOVIET GRAIN — The sale of grain by collective farms through consumers' cooperatives to date has amounted to 2,592,000 tons for this year as compared to 1,220,000 for last.

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I Can Never Rest Until War And Fascism Are Stamped Out

By Noel Whitcomb

I have just returned from battle-scarred Spain, where for nearly seven months I had the honor of serving with the Spanish People's Army in its heroic fight against the fascist invaders. I am glad that I came back alive and able to continue the fight here.

The strain of those few months of war was terrific. The constant rattle of machine guns, the crack of rifles, the roar of artillery, the sinister snarl of airplanes suddenly appearing from nowhere and dropping tons of bombs—these things have left their mark on me. And so has the horrible sight of men and women and children dying, their bodies riddled with bullets or ripped to bits by shrapnel.

Fascism in Action — I can say that I have seen war, that I have seen fascism in action, and that I hate both war and fascism.

Hate them as I have never hated anything before, with a cold, unceasing fury inside of me and a feeling that I can not rest until war and fascism are stamped out forever and civilization is really achieved.

In the little village of Briquez, on the Cordoba front, I saw evidence of the civilization that General Franco would like to bring to the rest of Spain.

Blasquez was situated three kilometers behind our lines, a small cluster of adobe houses in which only women and children and old men lived. No troops were barred there, no artillery, not even an anti-aircraft gun.

One day a fleet of fascist planes flew over. When they left, Blasquez was a heap of smoldering ruins, and nearly every inhabitant of the village was dead. From beneath the piles of bricks and the tiny homes of peasants we were able to dig only seven live persons. All of these were wounded.

Death From the Air — I have seen hospitals destroyed by aerial bombardments, and schools and churches wrecked by fascist shells. I have been in Madrid when it was shelled and bombed by airplanes. I have seen long lines of women carrying children machine-gunned by fascist planes while waiting in front of stores for their day's allowance of food.

One moment the scene would be quiet, the soft voices of the women mingling with the happy cries of little children playing in the street with no thought of impending death—the next moment a street ploughed up where the bodies of those same women and children.

An Ambulance Driver — I was attached as an ambulance driver to the 13th Brigade Mixta, a mixed brigade composed of two battalions of Spanish, one German battalion, a French Battalion, and a battalion made up of volunteers from the Balkans. The 13th Brigade had been one of the original defenders of Madrid, and had already seen service on three fronts when I joined it in Cordoba.

Known as a fighting, fearless brigade, the 13th was used as shock troops wherever these were necessary to make a light advance, and in the Pozoblanco sector while I was with it the brigade made one advance of over 80 kilometers.

When it was decided to relieve the pressure on Madrid with a pincer movement in the Brunete sector, the 13th Brigade was moved there, and without a single day's rest went into action at Villavieja de Canada early in July. Twenty days later the brigade was almost completely wiped out.

After capturing the eight towns in the valley where the first action took place, our salient swung to the left and advanced across a small river, the fascists retreating before us. The result was a sharp-pointed wedge thrust into the enemy's lines, with the Thirteenth and Fifteenth Brigades at the point of the wedge. Raked incessantly from three sides by machine gun and rifle fire, shelled for days and bombed both night and day by fascist aviation, our troops at the foot of a low hill dominated by the enemy, and wait for reinforcements and supplies.

Brave Men Fall — It was a very bad position. We were finally compelled to dig in. One by one the brave men of the Thirteenth fell. Ambulances were kept on the job day and night. There was no sleep for

Home Again



NOEL WHITCOMB

anybody. Water was needed, as well as food. The men were digging holes in a dried-up river bed and drinking the muddy water they found. On top of all this, the ammunition was running low, for the road leading to the salient was under a heavy barrage and no trucks could pass through it.

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out food or water and with only snatches of sleep for twenty days and nights, until finally their reinforcements came up and the brigade was relieved.

Out of more than 3000 men who made up the 13th Brigade, at the end of those twenty days of the most intense fighting ever to take place in any war, less than 100 men were able to stand up and muster.

A Glorious Fight — Today the Spanish People's Army is fighting a glorious fight. It is well trained, well organized, and is a mobile army equal to any in Europe. Much credit for the reorganization of the army is due the International Brigades.

Morale is high everywhere in Loyalist Spain, and the Negro government has the confidence and wholehearted support of both army and the civilian population.

But Spain cannot win the war alone. She must have the help of liberals in every country. She needs airplanes, big guns, food.

The Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade are doing great work in sending cigarettes, soap, etc., to the Americans in Spain. Some of the boys are coming back now, and they are being rehabilitated through the efforts of Friends, who provide them with clothing, help them get jobs and take care of them until they can find work.

Proud of the "Friends" — For the boys who have been seriously wounded, the Friends provide hospitalization and find homes where they may stay until their health is regained.

I know every American in Spain is proud of the Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade and all the people here in America who are doing so much for them.

Government Tolerance Encourages Illegal Organization — VIENNA—Government tolerance of the illegal Nazi movement in Austria allowed no reprisals after an attempted street demonstration last week before a gigantic portrait of Adolf Hitler exhibited by the official German travel bureau of this city.

On the other hand severe sentences of from five to seven years imprisonment were given at the recent Leoben trials of twenty-two Communists accused of attempting to collect illegal dues and circulate Communist broad sheets. Such actions against the Left are not unusual.

PRO-HITLER AGITATION — The supposedly illegal Nazi newspaper, Oesterreichischer Beobachter, continues to circulate with impunity and to grow steadily more violent. In the latest numbers, Chancellor Kurt Schuschnigg is declared to be isolated and surrounded by traitors in his Cabinet who conspire behind his back.

It is asserted that under the Austro-German agreement of 1936 "Austria's responsibility to pursue a German policy is no longer the affair of Austria alone—and far less that of the alien regime now controlling Austria," implying that it is now Germany's business.

In private conversations, according to a N. Y. Times correspondent, the Nazis express their conviction that Italy so deeply needs German backing, especially in Spain, that she has "given" Austria's independence to Germany and is ready to tolerate German support of any blow struck by the Nazis of Austria—for that matter, by those of Czechoslovakia or Hungary.

CZECH ACTIONS — Nazi penetration into Czechoslovakia is finding its chief success among the three million impoverished Germans in the Sudetic-German territory of this nation. Under the leadership of Konrad Henlein, a direct agent of Hitler, many Germans living near the frontier have been organized into the fascist Sudetic German Party (SGP). At the same time, despite the propaganda of the nearby Leipzig radio station and the German News Bureau which dominates the columns of the bourgeois provincial press, considerable anti-Hitler organization has been achieved.

The main problem for the country, according to leaders of the Communist Party of Austria, is to weld into one front the powerful reserves of resistance to Hitler: Communists, Socialists, Catholic trade unionists, members of the huge peasant Catholic People's League and the radical intellectuals.

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MANY DESERT FROM AFRICA ITALIAN ARMY

Mussolini's Ethiopian Plans Stumped for Finances

LONDON — Discontent among the Italian military forces and extreme financial difficulties in Ethiopia are again emphasized in a dispatch from Jibuti, French Somaliland to the London Times.

Indicating the discontent among the Italian military forces, the dispatch states: "Deserters frequently surrender at the French Somaliland frontiers. About a fortnight ago a group of ten soldiers gave themselves up to the French authorities, giving as excuses the terrible hardships they had to suffer and harsh treatment by their superiors."

"It is said that three new regiments of Italian troops are due in November; numbers of the troops which took part in the Ethiopian war are now in Spain. These troops did not volunteer for the Spanish campaign, but were ordered there."

FAILING IMPORTS — Outlining the economic hardships in the newly conquered territory, the dispatch brings attention to the scarcity of gasoline and other imported raw materials, explaining:

"Many new regulations affect imports and exports. There is a general cessation of imports to Ethiopia because considerable sums of money have long been outstanding to suppliers."

Meanwhile the struggle for national liberation is consistently carried on by the unconquerable natives. Reports of night attacks on Italian truck convoys are common. The road from Aicha to Direddawa is not considered safe at night, and movement outside the limits of Addis Ababa is restricted to within a few miles.

Soviet Aviation — Remaining aloft for 130 hours, 27 minutes, the USSR V-6 dirigible broke all records for duration of flight when it landed at the Moscow dirigible port. The dirigible thus surpassed the 119-hour record established in 1935 by the Graf Zeppelin, which is nearly five times the capacity of the Soviet airship.

The Ant-25 plane in which heroes of the Soviet Union Gromov, Yumashev and Danilin made their record non-stop flight from Moscow to California last July, is back in Moscow. Brought to Leningrad from the United States by boat, the plane was flown to the Airdrome in the Soviet capital last week by

A number of anti-aircraft defense units will be used in Moscow districts shortly, and attacks will be staged to test the city means of air defense and its preparedness to

defense is being paid to individuals' defense and their knowledge of the elementary rules and methods of self-defense in the event of air attacks. The anti-aircraft Defense Society is now completing its plans for the defense

HOLY LAND COURTS — JERUSALEM — Establishment of military courts was decreed by the British Palestine government for summary trial of persons arrested in connection with terrorist activities in the Holy Land.

THROWN TO THE SHARKS — Trujillo, in the style of Hitler, Mussolini and Araki, in September and October moved to "settle" the border problem once and for all. He dragged a small group of Haitian peasants to Cape Haitien, declaring he would ship them back to Haiti. At the wharf there was no boat. Trujillo's soldiers and gangsters fell on the little band and clubbed the Negro men, women and children to death. Their battered remains were fed to the sharks.

The Caribbean dictator expected this to do the trick. But

THE RIVER MASSACRE — The River Massacre that separates the north boundary of Haiti from Santo Domingo—probably so named because it was once the scene of a massacre—today runs red with the blood of some 3,000 Haitians slaughtered by the army of Trujillo.

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Soviet Envoy and Wife Here



ALEXANDER A. TROYANOVSKY, Soviet ambassador to the U. S., and Mrs. Troyanovsky, as they returned to this country aboard the liner Queen Mary, following a three-month visit to Russia. They found things "as great as ever."

World Front

American Money Backs Butcher of The Carribeans

By Harry Gannés

Having slaughtered 3,000 Dominicans to retain his dictatorial grip over the Dominican "Republic" for seven years the tyrant General Rafael Leonidas Trujillo Molina has now dipped his hands in the blood of 3,000 Haitian peasants men, women and children.

The Small Caribbean Island divided up between the Negro Republic of Haiti and the fief of Trujillo—both the capital and the central province are named Trujillo—in fact, the sadist megalomaniac Trujillo has plastered his name everywhere he has become the center of the horrified attention of the people of Latin America and the United States.

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Unity of Seamen Against Unity of Shipowners

SAILORS' UNION of the Pacific members are to ballot on a referendum to determine affiliation—to the Committee for Industrial Organization, American Federation of Labor, or independent. Once before, only last summer, the Sailors voted on affiliation and went overwhelmingly in favor of joining the CIO, only to have their votes invalidated by Secretary Harry Lundeborg's hand-picked "ballot burners."

Last summer the issue was unity—unity of all American seamen, as part of the main progressive stream of labor, the CIO. In the present referendum, the issue is still unity. But while a handful of officials were disrupting unity on the Pacific Coast, the shipowners and their open-shop allies were gathering their forces for a new attack on the maritime unions throughout the U. S.

The attack has come; it is embodied in the report of the U. S. Maritime Commission seeking legislation in the current special session of Congress to hog-tie the unions with compulsory arbitration, modeled along the lines of the anti-strike Railway Labor Act. (See Page 8 for expose on this act.) The next step planned by the shipowners is the crushing of the unions, the return of the blue book days, the shape-up, the fink hall, the pier-head jumps.

Obviously an independent union, such as Lundeborg suggests, would weaken the fight against the powerful united front of the shipowners and the Wall Street backers, would assist them in fettering compulsory arbitration on the maritime workers, would give them aid and comfort in their "mutiny" frame-up against 17 members of the S. S. Algic crew.

Any lingering doubts existed as to the advisability of affiliating with the AFL, the SUP membership should have them wiped out with the statement by William Green, Joseph P. Ryan, Paul Scharrenberg and other AFL "leaders" that they favor the legislation proposed by the Maritime Commission.

Only the CIO has come forward with a militant program in support of the seamen. At its recent Atlantic City conference, it went on record demanding that the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation desist from applying the Marine Disaster Law against unions, and demanding that the Secretary of Commerce immediately nullify all investigations and prosecutions of seamen conducted up to the present time under this act.

Only the CIO has offered its services to help bring about national unity of the seamen and a National Maritime Federation.

Now, more than ever before, the seamen need national unity on all Coasts, and need a National Maritime Federation linked with this most powerful, most militant section of U. S. labor, the CIO.

Rank and file sailors should vote for unity, for defense of unionism, for defeat of the shipowners, in their referendum ballot by voting for affiliation to the CIO.

Hollywood's Page Boy— A Pal of Al Capone

BEFORE he took up his residence on Alcatraz Island, Al Capone made an offer to Big Business to "save the country from Communism." The offer was not taken up, at least for the time being, but the interests that control the motion picture industry are making good use of some of his ex-pals from Chicago to "save Hollywood from the unions."

George Browne, president of the Intl. Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, and his associate czars in this "union," are well known by the underworld of Chicago and are just as well known, and bitterly, by the studio workers in Hollywood who have had to pay tribute to this racketeer.

The State Assembly Interim Committee on Capital and Labor has started an investigation of the affairs of this "union," which is run on orders from Browne and Browne alone, which has no elected officers, which has no meetings, whose members have no right to vote on any issues. Prompted by the strike called against Columbia studios by Browne in a jurisdictional thrust against the Screen Actors Guild, the investigation has only barely gotten under way, but has already unearthed some interesting "dirt" on this organization.

Browne has declared he will take jurisdiction over all studio workers, from stars to janitors, a plan quickly branded as a "million dollar company union scheme." Everyone in Hollywood knows Browne is stooging for the studios to defeat real unionism in the industry, to crush the already-or-

ganized bona fide unions.

This investigation must go on!

Rank and file studio workers and studio unions point to the about-face of the L. A. Times, which at first hailed the probe as an attack on all unions and then (apparently getting a tip from the producers) attacked the Assembly committee as trying to "pick on" Hollywood, as evidence that moves are being made to squash the investigation. The rank and file prepared to use all possible pressure to see that the committee carries through the job to completion, and exposes the company-union machine of George Browne.

Certain reactionary Republican members of the Assembly Committee are believed ready to cooperate to stifle the inquiry. Let the committee know that the probe must go on, via wires and letters, care of State Bldg., Los Angeles.

Lawlessness Championed By San Bernardino Mayor

A CONSPIRACY for violent, lawless attacks on individuals, on workers' meetings and on the property of workers is going on in San Bernardino. The mayor of San Bernardino is a party to it, directly countenancing lawlessness by open statement and by refusal to act.

This is not a matter that can be let pass. Incident after incident proves that not only is there lawless conspiracy, but that it is growing bolder. An investigation by the Assembly Interim Committee is an imperative necessity as demanded by the State Committee of the Communist Party.

The present series of violent acts started November 8, when vigilantes attacked an orderly and peaceful meeting, injuring some 20 people, including Jack Eggen, one of the speakers, who suffered several broken teeth and bad cuts on the head. Police came, did nothing and left at the same time the vigilantes did.

Yet Mayor C. T. Johnson said that the Communist Party's complaint was "silly." He said that "When the disturbance was brought to their attention, police responded immediately." He is a liar if he implies by this that they upheld the law. They saw the law-breakers. They did nothing and he upheld them.

This was not the first attack upon the Communist Party. Known and recognized Legionnaires participated in the attack at Radio Station KFXM during the 1936 election campaign when Communists were denied the right to speak.

Emboldened by legal protection the vigilantes have already turned their attack against the Workers' Alliance. On the night of November 12 they threw missiles through the door and windows of the Alliance hall while a meeting was in progress. Police were indifferent. Mayor Johnson was notified in person that vigilantes were definitely planning a raid on the Workers' Bookshop. He promised police protection, but did nothing and has thus issued an open invitation for more violence.

Elementary democracy is at stake. The spearhead of this attack was naturally directed against the Communist Party. It has already gone further and will continue unless halted by the action of the citizens.

A flood of protest must reach the mayor of San Bernardino, demanding arrest and prosecution of those who attacked the meetings, and demanding police protection for the Workers' Bookshop which is now threatened.

More telegrams and letters should reach the Assembly Interim Committee, address, State Building, Los Angeles, demanding a complete investigation of vigilante activities in San Bernardino.

An Encircling Movement of Fascism Against America

THROUGH Latin America, the rampant fascist powers have taken a new step to hem in the United States with their system of war and dictatorship.

The fascist coup in Brazil was an early and direct outcome of the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo axis after its promulgation of the notorious "Anti-Communist Pact."

Months earlier, General Secretary Earl Browder of the Communist Party warned that the Latin American countries are the back door through which the fascists fervently hope to surround this country. The action in Brazil confirms that warning completely and confirms also the warning of the Soviet press that the "anti-Communist Pact" threatens democracy directly. Invariably, the unwillingness of the governments of democratic capitalist countries to take any collective action against fascism results in its spread—not to the Soviet Union where a powerful Red Army stands guard, but to the colonies, semi-colonies and weaker countries where disunity of democratic forces gives it a foothold.

The events in Brazil will be welcomed by Wall Street because Brazil will now furnish a foothold for fascist bombardment of every democratic nation in North and South America.

Secretary Hull and President Roosevelt both emphasized at the Pan-American Conference that the best safeguard of world peace is Democracy.

Reaction counts on the Brazil coup not only to strengthen its exploitation of the Brazilian people, but to aid here in defying the will of the overwhelming majority of the American people. Instead the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo danger, now closer to the homes of America than ever before, must serve to speed the unity of democratic forces here.

If the statements of Roosevelt and Hull are to have any meaning, the need is more urgent than ever for a course realizing in practice the principle of collective action of the democratic countries against fascism.

THE ROLE OF THE COMMUNISTS IN UNIFYING THE MEXICAN PEOPLE

By Harry Gannes

Will Mexico be another Spain on the American Continent?

That question was seriously evoked by Herman Laborde, general secretary of the Communist Party of Mexico, in a highly informative and comprehensive interview of the present political situation in the country below the Rio Grande.

The last time I interviewed

deñas and working class leaders. Lombardo Toledano, president of the Mexican Confederation of Labor, and myself were threatened with assassination.

Fascist Press

"There are such newspapers engaged in this campaign as Excelsior, which has connections with foreign imperialism, and the Catholic weeklies, Omega and Hombre Libre. Besides there

has established collectivization of land besides establishing collective ownership.

Grants Credit

Cardenas has granted credit and the machinery to the Ejidos, the collectively-owned farms. He is really destroying the grip of the big property owners. In Yucatan, along with the transfer of the huge heniken (sisal hemp) estates, he has turned over to the peasants the machinery, buildings, railroads and other equipment necessary for the growing and transportation of heniken. The huge farms are owned and run on a collective basis. This is agrarian reform to an extent never known in Mexico.

A move that has not endeared him to the American backers of reaction and fascism has been the strenuous struggle against imperialism carried forward by President Cardenas. He has nationalized railroads, taking them out of the grasp of the Wall Street bondholders. He is moving for control of the Mexican people over the oil fields, electric plants, and industries.

And yet Laborde had only begun to detail the barest outline of the progressive accomplishments of President Cardenas, which is the butt of the reactionary plot for an armed uprising.

Foreign Policy

"You know President Cardenas' stand for the open support of the Spanish people against all of the fascists," emphasized Laborde. "The foreign policy of the Mexican government under Cardenas is anti-fascist and against intervention of the big powers. Besides supporting the Spanish people, Cardenas has come out wholeheartedly behind the Chinese in their magnificent and inspiring resistance to the Japanese aggressors."

"How is the People's Front in Mexico faring?" I asked Laborde.

People's Front

"The People's Front movement in our country has its own characteristics," was the answer. "There is one big party which is in power, the Partido Nacional Revolucionario, the P.N.R. In itself it is the embryo of a People's Front. It is made up of a number of different organizations. Backing the government of the P.N.R. already is the C.T.M. (Mexican Confederation of Labor) and the Communist Party, as well as the peasant organizations."

"Up to the present, the P.N.R. was not very active in the formation of a People's Front. Reaction was scattered. Cardenas, leader of the P.N.R., had the endorsement and support of all progressive and revolutionary political forces."

Changed Situation

"Now the situation is changing. Reaction is getting bolder. It is necessary to speed the creation of a People's Front. But that can best be done through and within the P.N.R. Recently some substantial steps were taken towards this end. In the last election, the C.T.M. and the Peasants Confederation cooperated with the P.N.R. in electing candidates to parliament."

"In the Mexican House of Representatives, a committee for the struggle against fascism has been organized. In the Senate, a committee to make contact with the people and to present their legislative demands has been formed."

"All of these movements point to the maturing of a People's Front. At the next Congress of the P.N.R. to be held some time in 1938, no doubt the proposal will be made for the P.N.R. taking the initiative in forming within itself the People's Front movement."

Laborde said that the Communist Party was taking a leading part in propagandizing and urging this road to the creation of the broadest and most powerful People's Front in Mexico, which would be the strongest reply to the fascist intrigues.

Mend Split

The Communists, furthermore, were the leaders in knitting the split that threatened to keep the C.T.M. divided, a condition that the fascists and Trotsky in Mexico desired and encouraged.

The unity of the C.T.M. is firmer than ever before. The C.T.M. is becoming one of the most powerful forces in the move for a People's Front within the P.N.R. To unify the entire Mexican proletariat as a strong bulwark of the People's Front movement, the smaller trade union groups, the C.R.O.M. and the C.G.T. are being approached, with some hope of success, for unity with the C.T.M.

Because of its active and leading role in the People's Front movement, in the trade unions, in rallying the people against fascism and behind the progressive program of President Cardenas, while educating and winning ever more of the Mexican masses for the ultimate program of the party, the Communists in Mexico have been chalking up an enviable record of growth. The party is a prominent factor in the life of Mexico. Again and again it warned and helped successfully to ward off fascist plots. It today is foremost in exposing the fascist intrigue against President Cardenas. It stands at the van of the march of the Mexican toilers towards unity and a People's Front.



HERMAN LABORDE, general secretary of the Communist Party of Mexico, pleads for national unity against the threat of imperialist reaction.

Comrade Laborde was in Mexico City. He speaks English perfectly and senses just what the American press has failed to inform the people here about what is brewing in Mexico.

Fascists Join Hands

Reaction and fascism on the American Continent have picked on Mexico especially for their intrigues. The reasons, Laborde pointed out, are not far to seek. The remarkably progressive nature of the national revolutionary policy of President Lázaro Cardenas of Mexico has driven reaction and the feudal remnants, as well as their foreign imperialist allies in Mexico, to the wall. They are desperate. Cardenas has even exceeded the early achievements of his advanced national revolutionary program.

"The latest developments, leading to the possibilities of a powerful People's Front within the scope of the P. N. R. (National Revolutionary Party), supporting the ever-widening progressive policy of Cardenas, has determined the reactionary and fascist fragmentary groups to pool their resources, and, with the aid of certain finance capitalists in the United States, Hitler, Mussolini and Franco—and more recently with the proffered help of Japanese fascists — to prepare for an armed uprising to overthrow the Cardenas government," said Laborde in his calm, slow, precise manner.

Cedillo Threatens

The central figure to whom the Mexican fascists look for leadership in concentrating their forces is the ex-minister of agriculture, Saturnino Cedillo. Cedillo, who was ousted by Cardenas, has a private army at his disposal and is the moving spirit of a ring smuggling arms from fascist arsenals abroad into Mexico. The Mexican and foreign big land owners fear that if they are not able to unite the scattered fascist cliques their economic base in Mexico will be wiped out by the sweep of the national revolutionary program of Cardenas.

Previously, Laborde said, the Golden Shirts, led by Nicholas Rodriguez, was the main fascist organization. Now an effort is being made under the guidance of Cedillo and the Nazi embassy in Mexico City to combine the Golden Shirts with other reactionary nationalist groups, such as the so-called middle-class Confederation, the Nationalistic Youth, and a number of former bandit elements formerly known as Cristeros. The reactionary hierarchy of the Catholic Church lends itself readily to the fascist plotting.

Incite Murder

"Just now in Mexico," Laborde informed me, "a number of reactionary newspapers are carrying on a vituperative campaign against President Cardenas and the Communist Party, linking them up pretty much as they did Mayor LaGuardia and the Communists in your recent New York City election campaign. The campaign at times reached audacious heights. Openly they called for the murder of Car-

are a number of mosquito sheets which appear and disappear overnight." I asked Comrade Laborde where the fascists were getting their arms. In Mexico today these plotters are not entirely bereft of weapons.

"Some of the arms come from the United States," replied Laborde. "A good deal of it is shipped from Nazi Germany to Guatemala. Dictator Ubico of Guatemala cooperates with the fascist cabal."

Spy Network

The Nazis in Mexico have not confined all their activities to assisting Cedillo to centralize the fascist groupings. Hitler's agents have established a spy network that cooperates with the Italians, fascist-Spaniards and Japanese. This is directed against the United States also.

There are in Mexico many rich Spaniards, big businessmen and merchants who are pro-Franco. They cooperate with the Nazi spy network. Their long residence in Mexico proves valuable to the international fascist espionage apparatus.

The Nazis work through the two leading commercial firms, Bayer, the pharmaceutical concern, and Becker, the big hardware importer. Besides Hitler's agents having taught their Mexican allies to improve their demagoguery and propaganda against Cardenas, and American democracy.

U. S. Base

Laborde then told me about some of the connections that the fascists have been able to establish with certain officials in the Mexican foreign ministry. The leading fascist contact in this branch of the Mexican government is Reyes Spindola, who comes from the family of the former Mexican dictator, Porfirio Diaz. Besides Spindola is married to an Italian woman closely connected with the Italian embassy in Mexico City.

One of the new stunts of the Mexican fascists is to try to establish a base for themselves in the South in the United States. Their agents are working to win allies among the lynching Southern landlords against the Cardenas government and against the democratic forces in the United States.

Land Reforms

The progressive nature of Cardenas' policy especially as it has developed in recent months is startling even to one who saw its great achievements at first hand in Mexico. Cardenas, Laborde related, not only has given the Mexican peasants more land, since he first came to office in 1934, than was granted by all the presidents combined since 1917, but he has extended his program to turning over of land held by foreign imperialists to the Mexican people.

Cardenas follows a definite national revolutionary policy," declared Laborde. "He is engaging in agrarian reform and in anti-imperialist measures of the widest consequences. Cardenas is granting land to peasants who heretofore were outside of the scope of the agrarian laws. He

As We See It

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Maritime Labor Forging National Unity

THE PRESSING need for unity on a national scale among the maritime unions, particularly among the seamen, was never more clear than now when the shipowners through the Maritime Commission are trying to fasten an anti-labor, anti-strike measure on the workers, modeled on the arbitration features of the Railway Labor Act.

The CIO has become a decisive factor in bringing about the national unity of the seamen and of all maritime workers. The CIO, which fought the anti-labor Copeland Bill while the AFL leaders supported it, is now again coming to the fore in the fight against the Maritime Commission's attacks on the seamen, and again the AFL leaders are fulfilling their reactionary role by defending the Maritime Commission's proposals.

All this is giving a powerful impetus to the winning of the seamen's unions to the CIO. The National Maritime Union, with over 50,000 seamen on the Atlantic and Gulf and Great Lakes, is affiliated to the CIO. The Marine Engineers have affiliated their national organization to the CIO. The Masters, Mates and Pilots are taking a national referendum soon on affiliation. The Inland Boatmen's Union of the Pacific has affiliated to the CIO. The Marine Cooks and Stewards Union of the Pacific Coast have voted overwhelmingly for affiliation. The Marine Firemen's Union, after taking an overwhelming vote for affiliation to the CIO, is now taking another referendum vote because their former pro-AFL officials wouldn't recognize the first vote, and there is no doubt that the new vote will be just as overwhelming for the CIO. The Fishermen will probably affiliate to the CIO in the near future.

Only Sailors Union Left

This leaves only the Sailors Union of the Pacific, which is nominally independent, but actually is affiliated with the AFL through the Central Labor Council and the State Federation of Labor, where their delegates are seated and recognized as though they were an AFL union. The SUP is now taking a referendum vote whether to affiliate with the AFL, CIO, or remain "independent." Secretary Lundeborg and other Sailors' officials have taken an open stand for remaining "independent," although they have flirted with the idea of making a deal with Green for AFL recognition, if they dared to bring this openly to the membership.

Lundeborg, furthermore, is working closely with the pro-AFL minority groups in the other maritime unions, attempting to overthrow their pro-CIO leadership. Lundeborg was even ready to support the AFL Teamsters Union leadership in their war on the Longshoremen and Warehousemen, but even Lundeborg was unable to ram this down the throats of the Sailors Union membership.

It is clear, therefore, that if the SUP were to remain "independent," this would just be a back door to the AFL, and would mean that the Sailors Union would be used to support the Green-Ryan-Vandeleur war on the CIO and the Maritime Federation.

Opportunity for Unity

Affiliation to the CIO, on the other hand, would mean bringing greater unity and solidarity among the seamen and all maritime labor; it would mean strengthening the Maritime Federation of the Pacific, with all the important unions in the CIO, and eventually would mean a National Maritime Federation. Above all, it would mean immediate national unity of the seamen, and the elimination of friction between East and West Coast.

All the u. licensed seamen's groups, with the exception of the Sailors Union, were represented at a conference in Chicago last August, which decided to call a Constitutional Convention in San Francisco on January 17th, to set up a national seamen's union of the CIO. A Constitution Drafting Committee representing all these groups will start working soon on the draft for a Constitution, to be published before the convention for discussion among the rank and file, so that the convention will know their sentiments when they work out the final draft. The rank and file of the Sailors' Union will have the opportunity to achieve national unity on a democratic basis, by voting in their referendum for CIO affiliation.

LETTERS

That Contest Money How to Spend It

Dear Contest Editor:

Should I be lucky in winning, I would want to donate one-half to the Santa Barbara division so that those who cannot afford a subscription (like myself) could have a workers' paper.

Then a year's subscription for myself—and since I am not a wage earner and am unemployed, I would want to subscribe to Moscow News, Soviet Russia Today, a play by Russian artists for a 6th grade pupil and some other books.

Yours for a Daily,

M. W. Santa Rosa

Platform for Daily Proposed

Dear Friends:

For the political platform of the new paper, I am sending these points:

Six hour day with increase in pay and the right to organize and strike without interference from any source.

Protection of civil liberties.

For a United People's Front.

J. B., Pittsburg.

BEHIND the SCREEN with DON BLACKWELL

HOLLYWOOD.

AT LONG LAST, the spotlight is on the corrupt dictatorship of George Browne & Company. The State Assembly Labor-Capital Committee which had been investigating the San Jacinto Tunnel labor dispute, suddenly focused its attention on the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees whose members were called out at Columbia studios last Monday.

Browne, head of the Alliance, who is rumored linked with Capone, trigger-man McGurn and other Chicago gangsters; Bloff, his stooge, who is said to be involved in dry cleaning and kosher meat graft rackets and smaller fry Harlen Holmden, Steve B. Newman and Sidney Criegan are the officials who rule the destinies of 12,000 IA studio workers. Questioned about the Columbia strike, Bloff was asked: "On whose vote was it called?"

"It was not voted by local membership, it was called by orders of the international president," Bloff said.

On further question the Assembly Committee brought out that there have been no local meetings of the IATSE since 1935, there are no local officers and that the union is run solely by the international officers. The Committee then promptly slapped a subpoena on the books, documents and records of the union to find out what is happening to the huge sums of money collected from its members.

BLOFF'S and BROWNE'S income is said to run over \$250,000 yearly garnered from the studio workers by assessing as high as a \$500 initiation fee to join the IA, plus three months' dues in advance and a 2 per cent assessment on monthly incomes after that. To build up the union and to keep the money rolling in, studio workers were told by their employers that they could not work unless they had IATSE cards. As a result of these black-jack methods which had the sanction and cooperation of the producers, the union, which had only 40 members after the 1936 strike, skyrocketed to the 12,000 present membership.

After Browne stepped into the picture, thugs ran all over the place. When unaffiliated AFL unions struck last spring under the auspices of the Federated Motion Picture Crafts, the IATSE which is also AFL, furnished strikebreakers and goons to beat up the strikers. Browne sent 50 strikebreakers to Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and the latter company furnished 50 beds and a sound stage to harbor them.

Dave Beck of the Teamsters and Browne & Company work in close harmony with the employers and company unionism is being shoved down the throat of the workers. Now it is said that Browne's gangsters were hired to kill Les Bruneman, local gambler. From members of the IA itself, we have information that Browne & Company maintained a gambling outfit on the union premises, squeezing more money out of the workers and that Bloff had his home furnished with studio furniture and placed there on studio time.

IT WAS THIS company union gangsterism that caused two courageous IA boys, Chester Cohea and Irwin Hentschel, to go to Carey McWilliams, prominent labor attorney. The investigation resulted and Cohea and Hentschel promptly lost their jobs, as do all IA men who dare to make one word of protest. But now evidence is pouring into the Committee's office from all sides, showing that the IATSE and the producers are trying to put over a huge company industrial union to replace honest trade unionism. If all IA members get into the fight and are supported by the independent guilds and unions, Browne's plan to become dictator over all studio workers can be defeated.

SEEING RED with MIKE QUIN.

IT'S ALL very well to say the rich are thieves—but prove it. How do you know they are glomming all the gravy? Read the San Francisco Examiner—or any other Hearst paper. Millionaires are impoverished creatures. Multi-millionaires are still worse off. Profits are non-existent and the world is a whirling sphere of accelerated losses revolving in a universe of bankruptcy.

How then can you call these owners thieves? From whom did they steal wealth? How did they steal it? When did they steal it?

To these questions the man in the street must honestly answer. "I do not know. I did not see them take it. I do not know precisely where or how they took it."

The average man is in exactly the same position as the witness who appeared against a man accused of maiming another.

"Did you actually, with your own eyes, see him bite the man's ear off?" asked the defense attorney.

"No, I did not," said the witness.

"You did not see him bite off the ear?"

"No," said the witness. "I did not."

"Then the fact of the matter is," said the attorney, "you don't know whether he bit it off or not, do you?"

"Yes he did," said the witness. "I am positive he did."

"If you did not see him bite it off, then how can you be positive he did it?" demanded the attorney.

"Because I saw him spit it out," said the witness.

AND SO it is with the rich. They ride in limousines that make the sparkling litters of Rajahs look like the choicest booze and live in gaudier pagodas than the mandarins. Airplanes, yachts and thousands of acres of estates are toys for them.

If they didn't bite it off, they're sure spitting it out—and it must have come from somewhere.

It was sweated out of my grandfather's hide. That's where it came from. It was ground out of my grandmother's bones. It is the labor and patience of my mother and father they are squandering. The collective tragedy of millions of lives is the mash that was left over after their wine press of profits

had done with them.

ONLY A MAN who works—who functions usefully in society—can understand life—enjoy it—live it. The human body is a factory of energy, and to expend that energy usefully, constructively, healthily, is the first and most necessary requirement of nature. The thrill of craftsmanship, pride in ability, satisfaction in accomplishment are the greatest experiences of life. They are things which no squandering of wealth can ever replace.

That is work in its finest sense. That is work viewed as the highest and finest expression of man. It is quite another thing to contemplate the tired, pale faces of women bending over sewing machines in sweatshops. Sixteen hours a day in the depths of poorly ventilated mines is also another matter. Agricultural workers sweated in the fields like cattle and returning home to squalid huts is something different.

Of all the crimes of the rich, this one is the worst. Exploitation for profit crushes, enslaves, distorts the finest and most beautiful thing in life—work. It turns into a nightmare of horror a thing that should be the prime experience.

In Germany, when union workers were imprisoned in concentration camps after the rise of Hitler, they determined that at whatever cost they were put to work they would do their work poorly. For a short time this form of protest was carried on. In the end, it could not endure. The desire to do good work and do it well was too strong. The craving for skill and craftsmanship could not be killed. Workers who despised the fascist regime with all that was in them could not resist when put to work making shoes, furniture and other things.

Karl Billinger in his book "Fatherland" describes this phenomenon very well. Many workers whom the vilest kind of torture could not break, found the sight of tools and work bench irresistible after months of idleness.

We will release the human race from exploitation, yes. And at the same time we will release work from the degradation of the arts as the most fundamental, important and beautiful expression of man.

BOOKS OF THE TIME How the 8-hour Day Was Born

Fifty Years Ago the Haymarket Martyrs Died for This Principle

Labor Agitator. The Story of Albert R. Parsons, by Alan Calmer. International Publishers, New York. Price 35 cents. 126 pp. 1937. Reviewed by Don Russell.

ON NOVEMBER 11, 1887, the Haymarket martyrs were "executed." They were executed because they were active in the fight for the eight-hour day when being conducted by the working people of America. The Haymarket martyrs were Albert Parsons, August Spies, Adolph Fischer, George Engel and Louis Lingg.

It was what is commonly known as a "legal lynching." None of the executed men had anything to do with the bomb explosion at the meeting in Haymarket Square, Chicago. Undoubtedly the bomb was tossed by some hired provocateur. But it killed a number of policemen and the capitalist press launched a hysterical campaign intended to work up public sentiment against the men who were active in their agitation, to win the eight hour day and, somewhat, into the profits of the employer class.

Active Workers All

This book is primarily the life of Albert R. Parsons. But through its pages stride the other martyrs. They were all active workers, both on the economic and political field. They gained prominence as "agitators" for human rights—and they were hanged for it.

Parsons was born in Montgomery, Alabama, on June 20, 1848, just after the close of the Mexican war. In 1848 too Karl Marx and Frederick Engels published the Communist manifesto that since has become the battle cry of all oppressed people throughout the world. Parsons and his fellow workers have become a symbol of the struggles of oppressed people to gain a decent living.

His employers and their press could not charge Albert Parsons with being an "alien agitator." One of his ancestors was "Uncle Jonathan," a liberty-loving preacher. "Uncle Jonathan" denounced the English oppressors from the pulpit and in the very aisles of his church recruited a company that marched to Bunker Hill.

Old American Stock

Jonathan's son fought in the Revolutionary War and was one of the first members of the Patriot Party and the revolutionary Committee of Correspondence.

Albert's father, Samuel Parsons, led a temperance movement in the state of Alabama. He was a respected citizen and an outstanding figure in community life. Albert's mother too came of Revolutionary stock. One of her ancestors had served under George Washington.

Albert's parents died when he was a small youngster and he went to live with his brother's family on the Texas frontier. He fought with General Lee in the Civil War but later became a strong supporter of rights for the Negroes.

Making Of An Agitator

While on a speaking tour Parsons met an attractive young girl of Spanish Aztec descent. Three years later he married her and the couple soon thereafter went to Chicago where Albert got a job as a typesetter for the Chicago Times. He joined the Typographical Union, Local 16.

The first winter in Chicago was a hard one. The financial crash of '73 had thrown thousands out of work. Unemployed workers met spontaneously and paraded through the streets. Parsons followed their struggles and wondered what the whole thing was about. He listened to the "agitators" and attended union meetings. One spring evening he was given a handbill. It announced a mass meeting at which one P. J. McGuire was to speak, under the auspices of the Social Democratic Party of North America. Parsons went to the meeting and asked questions. McGuire answered all his questions satisfactorily and Parsons, as a result, joined the Social Democratic Party. "He became increasingly active, both in trade union and strictly Party work. He was puzzled, often, by the inner squabbles of the Socialists. He did not read much."

Freedom of Speech!

In July, 1877 the railroads posted another wage cut. Spontaneous strikes took place. Soldiers shot protesting workers at the depot in Baltimore. In no time at all the transportation facilities of the country faced a complete tie-up.

Parsons was the main speaker at a meeting of Chicago workers. More than 20,000 turned out to protest the ruling class oppression. The meeting was sponsored by the Workingmen's Party. He made a rousing talk and next morning, when he reported for work, the foreman told him to "clear out." He was fired.

He was blacklisted and since he couldn't get work he devoted all his time to the working class struggle. Vigilantes and police were stalking Chicago streets, hunting down strikers and plain citizens who dared protest.

Eight-Hour Day

He became engaged in election campaigns and several worker-candidates were elected to city

After the Japanese Had Bombed Canton



Nurses and an orderly from the local hospital of the American Seventh Day Adventist Mission waiting in the ruins of a building to give first aid to survivors found by soldiers searching in homes demolished by Japanese air raiders.

offices. But the depression was ending and soon the thousands who supported the Workingmen's Party were back at work—disinterested. There were inner-Party fights. There were splits and defections. So Parsons devoted his time to trade union work and soon lost faith in elections, although he never failed to stress their value as a means of getting a message to the workers.

The struggle for an eight-hour day was gaining momentum. In Chicago the movement swept thousands of workers forward. In March, 1886, a mass meeting was held in West Side Turner Hall. In April another was held and thousands waited in the streets, seeking entrance. Police smashed halls, rode rough-shod over workers at open-air meetings, shot people indiscriminately.

On May Day 1886, thousands upon thousands of workers struck for the eight-hour day. Workers poured into the streets from every section of the city. The Chicago Tribune called them "anarchistic mobs." But despite provocation the day passed peacefully.

Terror Begins

The day following May Day the bosses pulled a city-wide lockout. Spies had warned the people they would not win the eight-hour day without a struggle—and he was right. The McCormick Harvester Workers attempted to operate the factory with scabs and there were rumors of impending boss terror.

Spies, tired and nearly sick, was asked to speak at a meeting of striking lumber-shovers. He didn't want to go but the committee prevailed upon him and he finally consented. Just

as he had finished talking shots were heard.

"It's from the McCormick works!" someone shouted. "They're fighting scabs up there!"

When Spies reached the factory the terror was in full swing. Someone told him "many had been killed." He rushed back to the office to draft a leaflet. He made the composition work over time, set up the leaflet, and ran it off. When he awoke someone handed him a copy of the hand bill and the first time he noticed was that someone had stuck in the word REVENGE! right at the top. Spies hit the ceiling.

Feeling Grows Tense

"What is the meaning of this?" he shouted. "What is the meaning of this? Who put in this word?"

Fischer shrugged his shoulders. "Do you know there's a meeting at Haymarket Square to-night to protest against these killings? All the unions are arranging it and they want you to speak."

At first Spies refused but later he consented. A little later someone handed him a leaflet announcing the meeting. His eye caught the words: "Arm yourself and appear in full force!" Again he blew up. The line was deleted.

On the way to the meeting that night Spies passed a friend's hardware store and left his revolver there with the proprietor, Frank Stauber. When he arrived at the meeting place no one was there to take charge. He asked for Parsons but Parsons hadn't shown up. So Spies, long used to open air speaking, mounted a convenient wagon and began to speak. It was half past eight. He spoke for a long time, waiting for Parsons and Fielden who also were scheduled to talk.

Massacre Begins

Parsons was at a meeting in the office of the Alarm, Party newspaper. Someone told him of the Haymarket meeting and he decided to go there to help Spies. As soon as he arrived Spies gave him an introduction. Fielden followed him to the platform and was just about to close the meeting when someone shouted:

"The police! Look out for the police!"

On command of the cops the leaders started to leave. Suddenly there was a blinding flash, an explosion. The cops were then firing madly into the crowd. In a few moments it was all over. Some lay in the streets, others dragged themselves painfully to the sidewalk, groaning. One cop had been killed instantly, others wounded.

This was enough. Wild alarm stories appeared in the papers early the next morning. The anarchists were going to bomb the city. The Haymarket explosion was the signal for a general uprising. Mobs stood at street corners shooting for the blood of the "anarchists."

Lynch Trial Planned

As usual the police began a reign of terror. Spies, Schwab and Fischer were arrested first. Fielden was picked up. Parsons' home was raided but he had disappeared. So they took his wife to jail instead.

In less time than it takes to tell it the lynch trial was under way. Parsons, who had been in hiding, was persuaded to give himself up and he marched into court room one day. It was the same old story of ruling class frame-up. Many more American martyrs have travelled the same route since 1877. Tom Mooney, McNamee, Billings, Angelo Herndon, the Scottsboro Boys, the Criminal Syndicalism victims, the Modesto Frame-up, the King-Ramsay-Conner frame-up.

So they were convicted. Judge Gary acted more as prosecutor than judge. Prosecutor Grinnell was vicious. Defense objections were over-ruled en masse. Jurors were admitted to the box despite

the fact they all boasted they had opinions on the case already.

Appeal Rejected

"We the jury find the defendants August Spies, Michael Schwab, Samuel Fielden, Albert R. Parsons, Adolph Fischer, George Engel and Louis Lingg guilty of murder in manner and form as charged in the indictment and fix the penalty as death."

The case was appealed. The Supreme Court, with Justice Waite giving the decision, turned down the appeal. Governor Oglesby was petitioned for clemency.

Martyrdom

On the eve of execution Parsons sang songs—the men retained their composure. They were marched to the gallows. As they placed the hood over Spies' head he shouted:

"You may strangle this voice, but there will be a time when our silence will be more powerful, full than the voices you strangle today."

"This is the happiest moment of my life," said Fischer. "Hurrah for anarchy—Hoch die Anarchie!" shouted Engels. Parsons began to speak: "O men of America," he said, "let the voice of the people be heard. O . . ."

The voices were silenced—strangled. Although this is primarily the story of Albert R. Parsons, it is also a story of American people struggling for a decent way of life. The court speeches of the condemned men are given almost in full. They alone are worth a thousand times the price of this little book.

THANKSGIVING JAMBOREE

LOS ANGELES—A Thanksgiving Eve Jamboree to top off its first organizational drive was announced last week by the United Office and Professional Workers of America, Local 9, to be held November 24, at the Diana Ballroom, 4067 Pico Boulevard.

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THE WOMAN'S SLANT

Bare Legs Can Stop Japanese Bullets

CAN A BARE leg stop a machine gun bullet? Not only can but does, in more ways than one. When six thousand San Diego club women were asked to go bare legged, or at least give up silk hosiery, it was to stop Japanese bullets. If Japan finds her silk market cut short, and those good American dollars buy machine guns and bombers refusing to roll in, she may have to bring her capitalist war of invasion to a more inglorious close.

Up in the bay area the American League Against War and Fascism is calling attention to the fact that many brands of canned fish are Japanese made. Housewives are beginning to cooperate with the League in asking their corner grocers to discontinue ordering these commodities, and put up posters saying "We carry no Japanese canned goods."

How to Check War

In the meanwhile, according to the November issue of "Economic Notes," a Labor Research Association publication, the U.S. War Department "is insisting that the Budget Director allow generous 'educational orders.' These practice orders are used to tune up plants so they can be put quickly on a war basis

Photography Seen As Fine Social Weapon

By GEORGE HITCHCOCK

SAN FRANCISCO—Photography is certainly one of the most dramatic media by which to attack social problems. To begin with, although the artist may critically arrange his work to fit his ideas on both society and composition, his results always have an immediacy which painting sometimes lacks. We know the subjects portrayed actually exist. We can see for ourselves.

The show currently running (to November 27) at the Artists Co-operative, 166 Geary St., is as fine an example of the power of the camera in the field of social criticism as the West Coast has as yet seen.

Works of four of California's premier photographers have been assembled. Any one of these artists worthy of an individual show. Together they present an exhibition which is startling for its frankness in dealing with life in the industrial front and for its candid artistic integrity.

Horace Bristol Leads

The work of Horace Bristol, the photographer of the magazine LIFE, is undoubtedly the best in the show.

Mr. Bristol has gone into the fields, among the oil wells, along the skidroads, and has brought back a series of penetrating studies. While exposing the vice and squalid conditions under which California workers labor he has at the same time sensed the vitality, the ironic humor and the native resistance in the workers.

His camera has great powers of characterization. The men in his studies are not merely bodies in motion, as are those in too many "artistic" studies of working class life; they have character and expression. The fruit tramps, migratory workers, skid road "rum-dums" have a human and appealing reaction to the camera.

Dorothea Lange

Miss Lange's weakness lies in the other direction. It is true all her studies were done for the Resettlement Administration and are thus inclined to be a little too statistical. No doubt this is a limitation which the necessities of the assignment forces, but, although the indictment of conditions in the agricultural districts is completely damning, we have the feeling that the people involved are merely "case histories." The treatment is excellent but a little too analytical and lacks some of the clear sense of social criticism which Mr. Bristol's studies have.

Hagel and Miethe

Otto Hagel's work is well known to the readers of "Men and Ships," the excellent magazine of the Maritime Federation. Both his photographs and those of Miss Hansel Miethe, his wife, who has likewise been represented in LIFE, are remarkable for their excellence of composition and full clear treatment.

The pictures, perhaps, are a little sentimentalized. They are a little more in striking industrial contrasts and are interested more in problems of form and contrast than in the human reactions to the squalor of capitalist decay.

On November 27th, at the close of the current show, the Artists Co-op will open an exhibition of Spanish War posters. On the opening night a program of chamber music by the El Camino Real quartet is promised.

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NO HOLDS BARRED

By LEFTY

ONLY "Lefty's" proletarian prejudice against speculating keeps him from wheeling his super-colossal picking machine out to Tanforan and trying it out on the ponies after the smashing victory he scored on last Saturday's grid schedule.

The scoffers have been routed. Lefty said California over the elusive Webfeet by two touchdowns? A mild case of understatement. California 27; Oregon 0.

Stanford over Washington State? Nothing to it. Stanford 23; the Cougars 0.

The Huskies over UCLA? Another bulls-eye. The Huskies squared off with a howitzer and a whole battery of grape-shot. 26 to 0.

Santa Clara over St. Mary's. Right again. Broncos 7, Gaels 0.

Of course, there is the slight matter of that tie Oregon State shipped over on the Southern California Trojans, but Lefty hazards his shirt that this fluke was caused by the stock market crash or sunspots.

OUTSIDE of a mild case of fiasco when the picking machine ventured south of the Mason-Dixon line Lefty's choices swept the East. Only a mean spirit could "I told you so" would go into the whole glorious record; let the mere mention of Yale, Notre Dame, Pittsburgh, Minnesota and Ohio State suffice to put the doubting Thomases in their corner.

A Bowl of Prunes

Lefty doesn't have to put on the Buck Rogers thought-ray helmet to find California swarming over the Stanford Indians next week (in spite of Thornhill and his perambulating Mr. Pete Fay) so this lay-off from heavy thinking gives him time to utter a kindly curse or two on the biggest badly-hood of an already over-stuffed season.

Every annum at about this time the literary gents of the sports table start pounding huge dents in their typewriter platens whooping up the praise of the "Bowls."

You don't know them? Well there's the Rose Bowl at Pasadena, the Sugar Bowl at New Orleans, the Cotton Bowl somewhere in Alabama, the Cherry Bowl Which is Life, etc., etc.

The point of the various games held in these bowls, Lefty fears is not clean battling and good cricket. Is the secret out? Woolly-headed promoters stage these games to make m-n-ey.

Who Gets the Dough?

Who gets this m-n-ey? The public? The universities? The players?

No, the price of the public's \$2.50 ducat goes in large part to a close knit sewing circle of modern P. B. Barnums who never get any closer to holding a football than the dressing-room between halves.

With the same surprising acumen which has made him the leading candidate for all-coast picker Lefty intends to turn the spotlight on the "Bowl" racket, forthcoming columns. Facts, figures, names, all excavated from Lefty's exhaustive files.

"No Uniforms" Strike

Gets Results for S. F. Postal Messenger Boys

SAN FRANCISCO—Representatives of the American Radio Telegraphists' Assn. met with officials of the Postal Telegraph Co. in an effort to have the firm put in writing a previous promise to waive a 6-cent per day charge on uniforms levied against messenger boys.

In protest against the 6-cent charge, Postal messenger boys reported for work in civilian clothes. They put their uniforms on again, however, after the company agreed to meet with the ARTA representatives.

THE WOMAN'S SLANT

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the recipe column in the capitalist press. Have you noticed the line they've been taking in trying to forestall action on the part of the masses against the high cost of living?

Here is a sample headline: "Careful Planning More Effective Than Boycott." The article then argues that a boycott is dangerous because it hurts the small merchant retailer (they forget to add that eighty or ninety per cent of the retail grocery business is monopolized by the chain stores), and because your family might suffer from curtailing their diet. Again they announce that "It's possible to feed family well without using meat."

Sure it's possible. We learn that during strikes and on relief, there's the woman who turned yellow from eating nothing but carrots so she could give her baby the few decent things that go to make up a diet on relief. Yes, Mrs. Bourgeois Home Economist, it's possible, but we didn't know it was news, and that we were supposed to sit down like ladies and like it. We think, and all husbands will agree, that a good steak on the menu once in a while is what we work for, but what it seems as if we're going to have to fight for.

Thought on Meatless Diets

AND BY the way, let's give more than a passing sneer to

Injurious Operations Forced Upon Epidemic Victims

L. A. County Officials Intimidated Nurses

Girls Sterilized By Inefficient Surgeons

(Continued from Page 1)
General Hospital facilities were taxed. At first patients were confined to the Contagious Disease division of the hospital, but soon the influx was so great that other sections of the hospital were thrown open to them.

There was also a shortage of trained people to care for the patients and a large number of new nurses was engaged. In hospital parlance, they were "green," never having contacted the disease and therefore being more susceptible to it.

Of the approximately 278 "green" nurses, more than 50 Politics Enters

At the time, a committee of experts had been appointed to study how best to stem the spread of the disease and reduce its effects. They devised a plan which was as effective as could be under the circumstances. This state of affairs continued until the spring of 1935 and then politics stepped in where the ravages of disease left off.

These nurses were industrial accident cases, having been stricken in the line of duty. Since the county had its own insurance system, it paid for their care at the rate of \$4 per day per nurse. There were 300 nurses affected, making a total outlay of \$1,200 a day.

If the General Hospital was receiving all that money, why couldn't some private institutions get some of the gravy? It was a fat egg and some doctors who had the right political connections hatched it with the aid of the Board of Supervisors.

Power of Illness or Health
The Board had final authority as to the disposition of these cases. The five supervisors had the authority to permit full use of the General Hospital to these nurses. They held power of illness or health over these unfortunate girls. Their decision, after a "decide" interval, to remove these girls from the best treatment obtainable, and farm them out to private institutions was the first of a series of criminal acts.

The supervisors chose the doctors to head the panels for their respective districts. Roger Jessup of the 5th district selected Dr. Orville J. Sloan, an old school chum and a surgeon who admittedly knew little about the treatment of infantile paralysis.

This was the district where the General Hospital was located and had most of the cases.

Dr. Sloan controlled the transfer of the girls from the General Hospital. A number of them he transferred to his own floor in the Physicians' and Surgeons' Hospital.

The remainder were scattered among other sanitariums, with "right" connections, including the Hillcrest, Rese Home where the superintendent was often drunk and conditions so shameful that the girls had to be sent to other places.

75 Girls Under Sloan
In all, there were 75 girls under the direct supervision of Dr. Sloan.

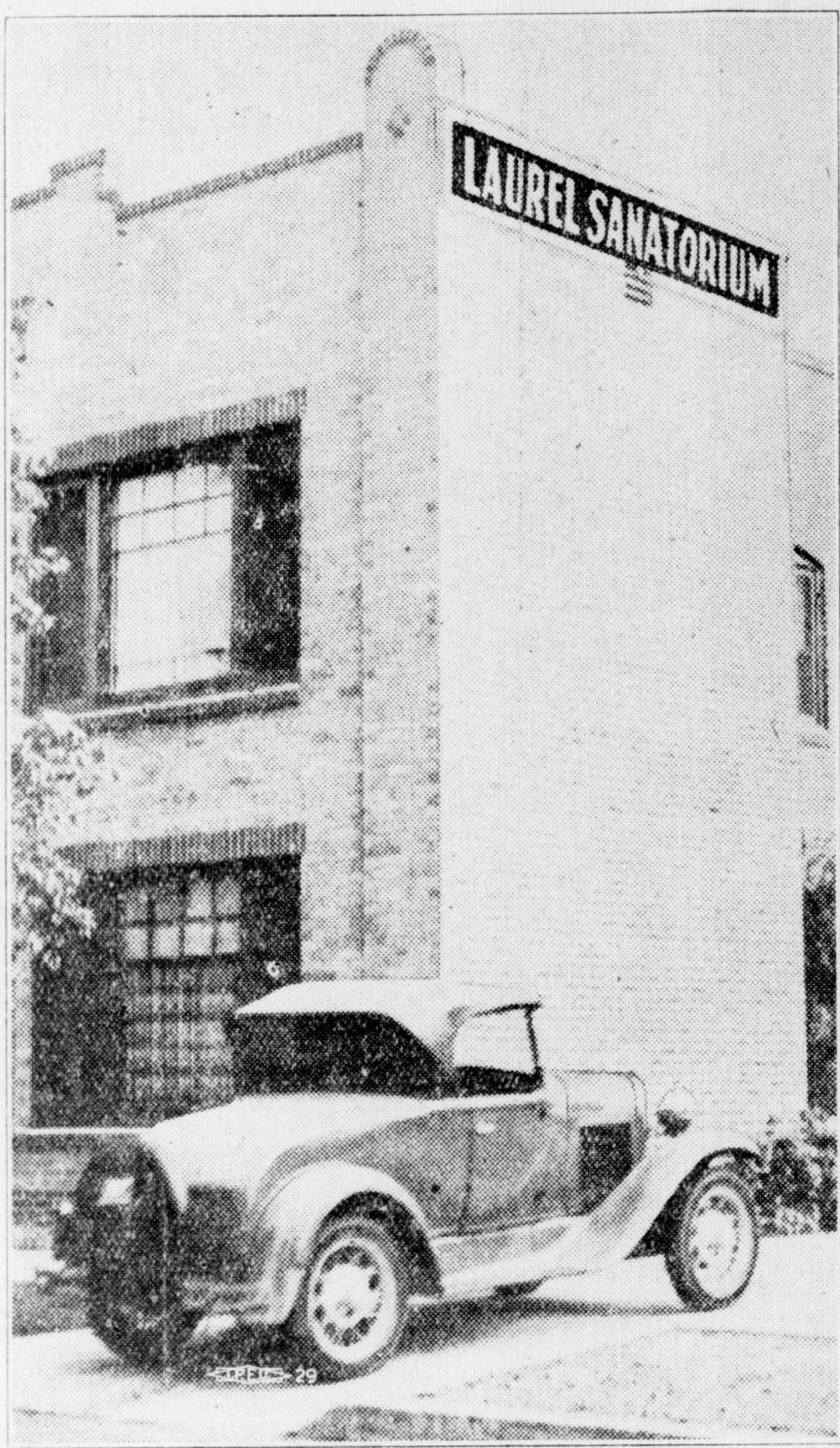
The doctors and politicians were able to make more money if the girls were hospitalized than if they were treated as ambulatory out-patients. Therefore, many of the girls who had previously been discharged from the General Hospital, were promptly re-hospitalized by Dr. Sloan. Every new case meant \$4 per day and "incidentals." These incidentals were medicine and operations.

Patients convalescing from poliomyelitis are extremely nervous and shaken, as is the case with most people recovering from long ailments. Taking advantage of their weakened condition, Dr. Sloan in conjunction with a Mr. Nier of the County Auditor's office composed a letter, later dubbed the Dog Eared Letter, which Dr. Sloan used to pull out of his pocket and wave at the girls, was signed by the County Auditor and stated, in effect, that if they did not cooperate with Dr. Sloan, their compensation would cease and they would be free to leave the hospital.

One of the things meant by "cooperation" was submission to surgical operations and special treatment. Each operation meant \$20 to \$25 for the doctor who operated. The existence of disturbing symptoms in convalescing unduly alarmed the patients and made it easier for the doctor to advise operation.

Some figures compiled in the report of the California State Nurses' Association, District 5, from the County Auditor's record, gave an astounding picture of the situation. Of 106 cases investigated, 46 reported operations, ranging from sub-mucous resection to removal of gall bladder and thyroid. Of these 46, nine had ovaries removed. Most of the girls were quite young, 67 being between the ages of 20 and 30. More than 60 per cent were single.

The Case of Nurse B
A typical case is that of Nurse



LAUREL HILL Sanatorium was one of the many private institutions to which the nurses, stricken with infantile paralysis were shipped.

B. For obvious reasons no names of nurses or doctors who are still on compensation and who have willingly supplied the material for this story can as yet be used.

Nurse B was an ambulatory case under Dr. Sloan's care. She had a small lump on her neck, in the region of the thyroid gland, which had been there for many years and to which she paid no attention. The lump was noticed and she was advised that she had a toxic goiter which required the removal of her thyroid gland.

Being suspicious, she went to a private doctor who told her that the lump was an innocent nodule in the thyroid. This surgeon did a basal metabolism before diagnosis, something every good surgeon does before recommending a glandular operation. A normal basal metabolism was found and he strongly advised against surgery.

Nurse B reported back to Sloan who ordered her to remain for observation. He told her to go to bed and at her request said they would repeat the basal metabolism.

Yields to Operation
The next morning she was surprised to find herself being prepared for surgery. Dr. Remmen, Sloan's assistant, informed her that after some thought, they had concluded that the lump may develop into cancer and decided on removing the thyroid. She became frightened and consented. They removed her thyroid which, of course, had no effect upon her general condition except a poor one.

Later, she realized what she had done and when she complained, out came the Dog Eared Letter accompanied by a threat to remove her to Patton (an insane asylum near Los Angeles).

Several other girls who complained of menstrual disorders had their uterus or ovaries removed.

Multiply these cases by several hundred and you get a full picture of the wreckage of these young girls' lives. None of those responsible has been punished. There have been whispers about this scandal. It is time for the people of Los Angeles to shout.

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LOS ANGELES STOOL QUILTS IN VICE CASE

City Hall in Attempt to Undermine Clinton as Grand Juror

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ed to do a gum-shoe job on a Merriam Recall movement that was giving state and city officials a headache.

In a statement made upon his resignation, Hathaway indirectly accused Clinton of bombing his own home on October 29 in an effort to make front page headlines.

Hathaway Accused
This was sharply denied by Clinton, who, in turn, implied that the bombing might be the work of Hathaway.

"After Hathaway had been working for me about a week, he came to me and said, 'I'll tell you what I can do to get you publicity. I'll fix a bomb for you.' I told him that if he ever tried anything like that, it would be just too bad for him," the crusader said.

Observers view with suspicion the fact that Hathaway was conveniently away from the Clinton home at the time of the bombing, that he drove up shortly afterward with a story of having been kidnapped by three men in a black sedan. Although the "kidnappers" are alleged to have driven him around Hollywood for a half an hour, Hathaway was unable to give a description of any one of them.

"Do you think Hathaway's kidnapping was phoney?" Clinton was asked.

"That kidnapping story was intended for my ears alone," Clinton replied. "Hathaway was considerably chagrined when I said, 'Wait a minute, tell it to the detectives.' He saw that he was hooked."

Hathaway's usefulness as an under-cover man was completely destroyed when he appeared before the grand jury last week to sling mud at Clinton.

According to a statement by John William Joy, former Clinton vice investigator, Hathaway emerged from the grand jury chambers and in a conversational tone, said to Joy:

"The smart thing for you to do is to let Clinton down and forget all you know. You'll be taken care of."

"By whom? Who's behind this?" Joy said he wanted to know.

"Never mind," Hathaway allegedly replied. "I'm not in Clinton's employ now. I'm on the other side of the fence."

Hathaway was involved in a malodorous scandal in June 1936 when he was accused by Mrs. Margaret Clark, militant woman member of the board of education, of having offered her \$10,000 toward Congressional campaign expenses for her vote to oust the board's business manager.

White-washed by a machine-controlled grand jury, Hathaway has consistently maintained that he has in his possession a letter from Mrs. Clark in which she completely retracts the charges she made against him.

Asked last week by a Western Worker correspondent if this were true, Mrs. Clark replied without hesitation:

"He's a liar. He's a liar. I never make statements that I retract."

"Hathaway himself admitted before the 1936 grand jury that he sent me roses and took me to lunch, that he bought liquor for John F. Dalton (president of the school board), and paid \$20 a month to Edward W. Hauck (another board member) for articles that he wrote for Hathaway's magazine, Parade."

Committees were elected to call on WPA and SRA officials and the city council to demand that projects be opened for the benefit of unemployed painters in slack times.

SOCIAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D. C.—Whether provisions of the Social Security Act should be revised, and if so, how, will be discussed further by the Advisory Council on Social Security on December 10 and 11. The advising committee is made up of leaders of organized labor and of business.

VITAL ISSUES FACING EMERGENCY CONGRESS

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voices of the big trusts, the administration is now in complete accord with "sound economics." They say by balancing the budget and eliminating the capital gains and undistributed profits taxes the government will stimulate the rate of saving and investment, thus encouraging the owners and controllers of wealth to pour funds into the lagging pump of production and start the wheels of prosperity off to a new record.

It is plain that most of these statements of the Banker Barons are nothing more than wishful thinking. Nevertheless, they provide ground for general alarm among the people.

Real Danger Seen
Mr. Morgenthau's speech may not reflect a reversal of administration policy; but it does indicate that the New Deal is not opposed to making concessions to Wall Street.

The economic theories behind the Tories' arguments may not contain the slightest validity in fact or logic; but because they are replete with demagoguery and are literally showered on the public through every means for the dissemination of information, there is real danger they may influence the thinking of large sections of the population, especially the middle classes.

Though the New Deal still stands committed to a program of progressive measures for continuing recovery and further improving the conditions of the masses of the people, it is by no means certain that it can effect these reforms without reinforcement, without a renewal of the mandate which sent the present administration into power.

Reaction has mobilized all its forces to prevent the passage of progressive measures. As shown by government investigation of the recent break in share values on the stock exchange, the Robber Rulers of America deliberately fostered the crash in order to intensify the slump, to frighten Congress, and to force their program on the country.

Sabotage Will Continue
Reaction's sabotage of the New Deal policies in this session will certainly continue. It may be expected to take one or all of several forms: powerful lobbying to force representatives into line, tributes to compel innocuous compromises on certain measures, preoccupation with relatively unimportant bills in order to avoid action on vital issues, and the introduction of many measures openly hostile to the interests of the majority of the people.

What will Congress do in the face of this barrage of propaganda and pressure? Will it pass progressive legislation, or will it give ground to the enemies of the people?

There is only one way for the people to be sure of the answer to this question: the people themselves must compel Congress to do their bidding. Reaction will not and cannot save America from another crisis and depression. Reaction will deepen the present slump and bring on another catastrophe, the people immediately must force Congress to pass these measures:

1. **Legislation to bring down the high cost of living and raise the living standards of the people.** This can best be done by curbing monopoly and unfair trade practices.

2. **With the superior resources and maneuvering ability, the big trusts are able to effect huge economies in production costs.** These economies ought to be passed down to the consumers in the form of lower prices. But because monopolies are in the hands of the millionaire tax dodgers whose sole aim is an ever-increasing rate of profit, they either maintain or raise the prices of commodities they produce.

The net effect of this, when production is increasing, is to keep these commodities out of the hands of the consumers, leading to a glut and a slowing down of production. This is a major reason for both the present high cost of living and the present industrial decline in America. And this is the reason—aside from many others, such as the destruction of small competitors—why the people must fight to curb the trusts.

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BUZZELL SPURS NEW "ANTI-CIO WAR" IN PEDRO

Flouts AFL Members Wish For Unity, Intimates More Violence

LOS ANGELES — Numbering over 175, a combination of business agents and "goons" met at the Labor Temple here last week to hear J. W. Buzzell, Central Labor Council secretary flaunt contempt for the expressed wishes of AFL rank and filers as he bitterly attacked the CIO.

Only a few days earlier, at the regular council meeting, Buzzell's machine had been barely able to table a motion to send telegrams to John L. Lewis and William Green, urging that all possible be done to bring unity to the labor movement.

The business agents, intimidated by the "goons" present, offered little opposition as Buzzell plotted to widen the breach between the AFL and CIO.

Threatens Brutality
He said picketing of ships attempting to unload lumber produced by CIO workers, would be resumed soon, and that the peachers of the drive to tie up the ships would be the Carpenters' and Teamsters' Unions.

"Now is the time to crush the CIO on the West Coast—We can go down to San Pedro knowing we are backed up by the police department, the sheriff and the mayor's office," Buzzell said, intimating a return to the brutal slugging by "goon squads" of a few weeks ago.

"Pay no attention to the Washington conference," he demanded, in referring to the efforts of the CIO-AFL committee meeting in Washington, D. C. for the purpose of working out a common platform.

Monterey Urges Unity
SALINAS, Monterey County—The Monterey Central Labor Council voted to send a wire to the CIO-AFL unity conference in Washington, D. C., urging reconciliation between the two great labor bodies.

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San Joaquin Celery Fields.

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C. of C. Brags of Misdeeds

Worker Hears Sales Talk
How Chamber Knives
Working People

By a Worker Correspondent
LOS ANGELES—Quite accidentally, I happened to be on the receiving end of the telephone line leading into the office of our shop. After hearing the name of the caller, which was Mr. Moore of the local Chamber of Commerce, soliciting for financial aid from the firm I work for, I decided to take it all in. Mr. Moore, like any other high pressure salesman, went right ahead explaining tirelessly the need for every manufacturer and merchant to be a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He pointed out, not only the importance of the chamber, but it is the sacred duty of every employer to join hands in the fight against the ever-increasing number of bills introduced by the working class for social as well as job security.

Killed People's Bills
By way of inducement, he tried to prove that the C. of C. has already been very successful in not only blocking, but even with its limited collecting power, the bosses are able to kill practically all our bills right in the committees before they even come on the floor for debate.

He seemed to be very proud to be a party to such insidious rotten activity of depriving the majority of the people of the necessities of life, or of sending our youth into barbed wire concentration camps, or old people begging on the streets, using such underhanded despicable methods.

He further went on to explain how important it is for personal reasons to be a C. of C. member. For instance, he stated that a Mr. Leon, local cloak manufacturer who was paying his workers the piece-meal way (\$5 now and the rest whenever you catch me), called his office for help because the workers, dissatisfied with the way of being paid, called for a showdown with the aid of their business agent from their respective CIO union.

Attacked Business Agent
After an hour of fruitless negotiating, the shop committee plus the business agent decided to shut off the power until such time as the rest of their pay would be forthcoming. Mr. Leon, in turn, armed himself with a pair of tailor shears and went for the CIO business agent.

According to Mr. Moore's own words, this was squashed in court through the myriad connections of the C. of C. And again came the ending plea for the usual \$25 contribution.

Officials Sold Out "Rais" On Wages, Declares Firemen

By a Worker Correspondent
TRACY, San Joaquin County—A "rais" in Tracy for a few weeks. A railroad fireman showed me the enclosed article. (From the Railroad Brotherhood's paper "Labor," the article quotes the president of the Union Pacific Railroad lauding the national leadership of the rail unions.)

He stated "that here is the proof that we were sold out in the wage negotiation."

I suppose you get "Labor" weekly. However, this is such a sickening exhibition of class collaboration that I thought you might want to comment on it.

Profits for Carriers
Yesterday's press reports a rate increase of \$47,500,000 allowed by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Very obliging, in view of President Whitney's Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen statement that the financiers of Wall Street collect \$500,000,000 annually from the nation's railroads.

On account of the reactionary leadership and reactionary editorial policy of "Labor" in general, I would like to see a good write-up in the "Western" covering the recent wage move.

Anti-CIO Injunction Case Against Dockers Continued

LOS ANGELES—Hearing on an AFL petition for an injunction against stevedores' affiliation with the CIO Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union, was continued last Tuesday until next Monday, by Superior Judge Ruben L. Schmidt. Twelve members of the old AFL Intl. Longshoremen's Assn. are attempting to restrain affiliation of the ILA, as incorporated has no authority to change affiliation.

Volunteers to Aid the Daily

By a Housewife
SANTA CRUZ—I am so sorry that I could not contribute financially to our paper that I have come to love. (we read it from a neighbor). My husband's pension is \$28 and I make far less. If you could use my volunteer work for the coming Daily Western Worker, I would feel honored. I could cull labor news from German or French labor papers and translate.

Fake WPA Union on G. G. Job

Bosses "Organize" Stoges On Bridge Approach in S. F. Presidio

By a WPA Worker
SAN FRANCISCO—The American Assn. of WPA Employees is "organizing" at the Golden Gate Bridge approach project in the Presidio. He is organizing this "union"? Well, the bosses are.

One of the chief organizers on this job is one Reed, who is in charge of the pumps. He has a way of approaching men recently transferred from other projects and launching forth on the merits of his stooge outfit. A group of satellites has grown whose stock of conversation seems to be "the damned Communists, radicals and Workers Alliance."

Stoges Favored
For these misguided individuals are jobs just a little softer than that of the lot of the average WPA workers, the doubtful privilege of receiving the confidence and favors of the bosses and occasional dinners in ritzy hotels, where along with the food they receive an elementary course in red-baiting from labor-haters and a few of the more reactionary AFL officials.

It is significant that on this project, as on others, the entire force are conspicuous for pie-plate phony buttons. It is significant that one office worker confided he was threatened with dismissal if he didn't join.

"Union" isn't "taking," except with a very few very confused workers. It only serves to antagonize the men, and with only a little work on the part of the Workers Alliance members on the job, a number could be induced to join up with a legitimate working man's organization. A few have—more must!

CIO Potash Union Wins in Carlsbad

By a Worker Correspondent
CARLSBAD, N. M.—The Potash Co. of America signed an agreement for a substantial increase in wages and paid vacations, with the Intl. Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers, a CIO affiliate.

The charter was granted to the Carlsbad Potash Workers No. 415 last September 4. This is the second agreement signed by the union. The other is with the Otis Gin Oil Mill, located at Loving, New Mexico. This group of workers received an increase in wages of 90 cents per day.

Win Gains
Under the agreement with the Potash Co. of America, the workers got a minimum increase of 60 cents a day and a maximum of \$1.02. The company also agreed to give its employees 10 cents a day for transportation, four days paid vacation for one years service, seven days, for two years service and 10 days for three or more.

'The Goon Trinity'

By an Agricultural Worker
Green is a union man, I know; And Czar Beck his left hand Goon, Have organized a phony show To make the workers dance their tune.

All up and down the coast they roam, These dervishes of union fame; While Vandeleur stirs up a foam And helps the company union game.

There's a better land I know Where these pals will always meet, Nursing scabs from top to toe, And scratching each other in defeat.

Down with all their monkey shines! And hoist the banner of rank and file, So the CIO may hold the lines, And dump sell-out artists in a pile.

—S. P., Stockton.

Plan CIO Drive in Lodi Area

Field Unity to Organize Celery Fields; Trains Union Leadership

By an Agricultural Worker
LODI, San Joaquin County—We are laying plans here in Lodi for a drive to organize the celery workers; they are under the jurisdiction of our local of the United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing & Allied Workers (CIO).

I am going to Stockton for a special meeting of the San Joaquin Industrial Council to lay plans for a concerted action to organize the Delta Islands.

Train Union Leaders
Things are a good deal different here lately. We have established a school in Stockton to teach the workers how to lead a union with parliamentary procedure. We are training leadership. We are building unions now, not looking for strikes or lockouts.

We have a permanent hall with a charter for our union already installed. You should hear the reactionaries! We are a thorn in the sides of Garrison, Marshal and Sanguinetti, the leadership of vigilantism in Lodi.

Waged Up
We have five gangs, all 100 per cent union, wearing their buttons on the job. No one gets a job in those gangs unless they belong to the union.

Wages have gone up from 45 cents to 55 cents an hour. They raised our wages out of fear of an established union and not because they felt sorry for us.

We are signing union members daily, even beyond my expectations.

Raised Funds for "Western"
We also made collections for the Greek Zachariadis battalion fighting in Spain—\$60—and for the Abraham Lincoln battalion, \$65. Comrades here also raised \$50 for the Western Worker and 25 new subscriptions for the Empress.

N. M. Union Hits Japan

Carlsbad Potash Workers Condemn Aggression

By a Worker Correspondent
ROSOWELL, New Mexico—Enclosed clipping of the first act of the new union formed in the Potash Co. of America plant at Carlsbad. This is the CIO Carlsbad Potash Workers Union, Local No. 415, which adopted a resolution calling for a commercial boycott to curb the militaristic program of Japan in China and asking the U. S. State Department to invoke the Kellogg Treaty and the Nine-Power Pact against Japanese aggression.

In the U. S. Potash Co. is a CIO affiliated union, just formed, and they have succeeded in getting a contract from the company, giving them very material gains after long years of slavery unorganized.

Both these unions now have a progressive direction. We now have a progressive CIO union in the great Hobbs oil fields.
Among the 2000 or more cotton picker population of the Pecos Valley, the workers' councils have forced the wages of these workers up at least \$10,000 this year. Otherwise they would not have been able to exist.

The agreement also provides time and a half for overtime in excess of eight hours a day or 48 hours a week, double time for Christmas, July 4th and Labor Day. Seniority to govern promotions to higher classifications, same rule to govern in event of temporary lay-offs.

TWU Signs Another Closed Shop Agreement



NEARING 100 per cent closed shop organization of New York City's transport workers, officials of the Transport Workers' Union (CIO) met at city hall with Mayor F. H. LaGuardia and representatives of the Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit system to initial the agreement which averted a threatened strike of 12,000 workers. Left to right, seated: Pres. W. S. Menden of the BMT, LaGuardia and Pres. Michael J. Quill of the TWU. Left to right, standing: W. Harry Sefton, BMT attorney; Douglas MacMahon, union vice-president, and Harry Sacher, TWU attorney.

Vets Want Real Class On Issues

Teacher in Present Class Leaves Vital Questions Suspended in Ozone

By a Veteran
LOS ANGELES—The Board of Education of Santa Monica sponsors the open discussion class at the National Military Home in West Los Angeles twice a week.

The little old man who is instructor on current issues such as the CIO, the Far East, Soviet Russia and the AFL has not much of a class. Those who started to go are now playing hooky.

Hooky Players
In strolling about the grounds the professor meets up now and then with a hooky player whom he greets with "you can't take it, eh?" Possibly the prof thinks the class is suffering from paralysis above the neck and is waiting for rigor mortis to set in.

However, such is not the case. Some members of the class are of the opinion that the professor trying to lead mankind out of misery, is just slidin' around in the slippery. It seems that most of us have seen the old hat trick that property and capital are the same.

Need Debate
The professor could have a good class if it were conducted in the good old way of "knock down and drag out" debate, let the chips fall where they may.

When a yokel gets up and states that the "Rooshians are all bull-headed Communists" or any of the hundred and one statements that bob up on the vital issues or the day it is time to let the bars down and have at it for a solution, and not leave such questions suspended in the ozone. Of course, this is the opinion of the writer; the professor may be a man who holds to diplomacy, ethics and conduct becoming a gentleman. Like Anthony Eden of England who writes such nice sharp notes of protest to Mussolini and other heels.

The ex-buck private in the class have a naive suspicion that the professor may rate them just a little above the simians in intelligence.

Always Mouthful
The vocabulary of the bucks is limited, and when things look phony to them, they are apt to yell all at once "Aw Nuts." To the professor such language is abhorrent, but to the vets it was always a mouthful.

The boys all liked the Soviet anniversary edition of the "Western," and I do hope the Daily will be a success.

WANTS 'DAILY' TO BE TABLOID

By a Worker Correspondent
HOLLYWOOD—I notice that newspapers which have the best appeal to the worker and the man on the street, are those in tabloid form. I therefore offer my recommendation for that style paper for the Daily Western Worker. I sincerely believe that the new workers' paper will go farther in tabloid form.

Urges Probe of County Hospital

By a Worker Correspondent
RICHMOND, Contra Costa County—Conditions at the county hospital at Martinez are deplorable. I understand the system (or lack of it) is responsible for the hospital's doubtful reputation, which is a matter of common conversation among local people.

If a patient can get around at all, he is forced to wait on himself to a great extent or go without care. Conditions at this hospital were bad enough years ago and from what patients say today, they have not improved with age. An investigator out there would find it an easy matter to uncover some most interesting and unpleasant facts.

Protest on Hearst Trip

Honolulu Workers Want No Part of Fascists

By a Worker Correspondent
HONOLULU, T. H.—The local papers have announced the coming to Hawaii of William Randolph Hearst. He is to arrive in Honolulu on December 16, with a party that includes the Duke and Duchess of Windsor (Now eliminated—Ed.) and Marion Davies.

As lovers of truth and liberty, we protest the coming to Hawaii of a man who has always stood against everything that stands for human decency, justice, freedom and intellectual honesty. We do not want in our midst a man of whom America's foremost historian, Dr. Charles A. Beard, declared at the 56th annual convention of the National Education Assn. held at Atlantic City, N. J., on February 24, 1935:

Indictment of Hearst
"There is not a cesspool of vice and crime which Hearst has not raked and exploited for money-making purposes. No person with intellectual honesty or moral integrity will touch him with a ten-foot pole for any purpose or to gain any end. Unless those who represent American scholarship, science and the right of free peoples to discuss public questions freely, stand together against his insidious influence, he will assassinate them by every method known to yellow journalism—only cowards can be intimidated by Hearst."

We do not want Fascist Hearst and his kind to pollute our shores.

URGES 100 PCT. JOBLESS POLL

By a WPA Worker
SAN DIEGO—Every WPA worker, relief client, unemployed and partly unemployed person in San Diego must be told of the necessity of filling out the census card which he will receive November 16.

Every reader of this should tell his friends, acquaintances and neighbors of the urgency of answering this questionnaire. The Workers Alliance will issue many thousands of handbills on the subject, which may be obtained at 625 E. St. The Alliance will do all in its power to get regular radio publicity for the census, as well as newspaper publicity.

Lundquist Is On Spot in Candy Union

Rank and File Carry On in Fight Against Dictation From Reactionary

By a Candy Worker
SAN FRANCISCO—Don't be alarmed if you see smoke emanating from the Labor Temple on the first and third Monday evenings of the month, as it is only the result of a feud that has raged for a year between the progressives and the reactionaries of Local 24, Candy & Confectionary Workers Union.

Lundquist, phony head of the union's parent local, the Bakers' Union, is determined to control the candy and glazed fruit workers, and his following of company men and misled workers is doing his dirty work.

Lundquist Raved
Lundquist has raved rank and file efforts to straighten out the mess he got the candy workers in, but he went too far when his blast got into the international bulletin. When confronted with his dirty cracks, he took the floor and told his life history, condemned the Warehousemen's Union which helped the Lyon & Magnus workers win a closed shop, then raved on about a few Communists in the CIO, shed some tears for scabs who got some working class education in 1934 and went on to bemoan the split in the labor movement.

But the worse cracks, general laughter and moans of disgust, plus the snoring, got to be too much, so he finally quit, too much to everyone's satisfaction.

Members Will Act
The candy bosses never really lived up to the phony verbal agreement Lundquist put over, but the rank and file are determined to force them to come across with some retroactive pay in all cases where the scale has not been met.

The Pacific Coast Labor Bureau is handling the legal phase of the work, and Lundquist complains about the expense. He pulled a fit over a thousand dollars for one month in an attempt to discredit the agent, but he took care not to overlook \$540 which was grabbed by the international. When the members learned of this, Lundquist looked as if he were going to faint.

More and more members are getting wise to the fact that Lundquist's policies parallel company union tactics, and sincere elements are putting the skids under him by exposing his tactics.

Education Is Need Of New Unionists

LOS ANGELES—"Capitalism deprives the working class of any genuine opportunity for truthful education on class struggle questions," declared Al Lane, Communist Party Industrial Section organizer, in an interview.

"Education is a basic trade union need. The CIO movement, involving millions of newly organized workers, needs to enroll raw material into a militant, class-conscious army, and education is a vital answer to this problem."

Lane then outlined plans for a workers' school, to be launched by the C. P. here early in March.

Film Stars Mansions In Sharp Contrast To Workers Shacks

"Wish Edward Everett Horton Would Let Me Live in Chicken House," Says Worker With Family

By a Worker Correspondent
GIRARD, Los Angeles County—"Beautiful San Fernando Valley. Hundreds of movie stars' homes. Favored by picture people."

The Valley is stealing the thunder that used to belong to Hollywood and Beverly Hills. "Thirty thousand dollars for a stable, fifteen thousand for the dog kennel!" a poor farmer remarked, incredulously.

1000 Acres for Horses

"I wish that Edward Everett Horton would let me live in one of his chicken houses," says a man with a family.

"A thousand acres for horses to romp in and not 10 square feet for my kid to play, where we live. We wanted to come out here and get an acre, but the movie stars have speculated in the land until the price is out of sight. I suppose we will never get a down payment now," a mother from the crowded section of Los Angeles remarks.

Of course the C. of C. will tell you of the great advantages of having the famous out here in the Valley. They are supposed to spend money and lend an atmosphere. Some of them do more of the latter.

Plenty of Poor People

Oh, indeed there still are poor people in the Valley, a surprising number, too. There would have to be. Who would do the work? The cleaning, the gardening, keeping the horses fit and happy, manuring the pig-dreeds hounds, fine feed must be grown for the aristocratic animals—work for farm hands, then there are cooks, seceded, ditch diggers, and road builders. Innumerable jobs. Ask the C. of C.

Naturally, I don't mean ask the C. of C. about the poor people; I mean ask them about the jobs. You could guess they were poor if you drove around a bit from the show places. You would know that those were no eccentric millionaires or publicity-seeking Hollywoodians living in huts created of packing boxes, palm leaves and burlap bags. With winter coming, no mere publicity seeker could "take it."

No, most of these people are just poor people who managed to get a down payment on an acre in an "unrestricted district." The C. of C. will warn you about such districts, but of course someone will have to do the work, so we have to have a percentage of hovels in the beautiful Valley.

Wanted a Home

However, the inhabitants of the shacks will tell you that their suffering from cold isn't an awful lot worse than the mental agony of trying to meet payments in a slightly better place. They simply choose their own misery from the selection offered to their class.

I knew a worker who wanted to get off WPA because it didn't pay enough so he could buy one of these acres in less than 2000 years. He wanted to get married and he wanted a home for the girl. He was willing to work hard to get ahead and he believed what the C. of C. dished up about jobs in private industry.

He came to the Workers' Alliance meeting one night and told us that he was going to get an outside job and so wouldn't be at our meetings. He would join an agricultural union instead as he was a deep-dyed unionist. We were all curious, an outside job is so rare. We asked him where it was.

Job on Luxury Ranch
"Marwyck," said our friend, "I hear they pay \$3.50 a day. Not as much as WPA but more days make it better in the end."

Marwyck, we all knew, is a luxury horse ranch at Chatsworth, owned by Barbara Stanwyck and Groucho Marx. We wished our friend luck. Next week he was back at the W. A. meeting as usual.

"How about that good job at Marwyck?" we asked.

24-Hour Job
"I quit," he replied. "Even though the farm hands are not well organized, I felt like a scab. Two bucks and a half a day and no board. A nine-hour day, too. I found out that the guy who got \$3.50 was on duty twenty-four hours. It would be nice if a man could get a job as a horse."

Maybe this incident sheds light on what the rich San Fernando Valley landowners mean when they cry: "WPA is ruining San Fernando Valley!" But your guess is as good as the next one if you want to know what the real estate men mean when they cry up the advantages of living among the Hollywood nobility.

Gunmen, Cops Used to Beat Labor Candidate in Arizona.

Labor in Arizona Election

Miami Copper Mining Co. Used Cops and Gunmen To Beat Union Man

By a Miner
MIAMI, Ariz.—The mining company, county and city politicians combined forces to defeat a labor candidate as school trustee.

They used the company gunmen, copper company-dominated city police stoges, and money to further the candidacy of an individual, whose only outstanding characteristic is his unequalled stupidity, and elected him for a school trustee. You may well imagine that the CIO Local 38 of the Intl. Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers supported his opponent, their secretary, Orville Larson.

Crude Stuff
Never before was such a campaign possible, where doctors, lawyers, gamblers, and gunmen did a political hula-hula when the mining company whistled such tunes as: "There will be a strike called next week if you elect a CIO man. Only the riff-raff would vote for such a candidate to represent the workers." Or if this was too crude, the copper company-dominated public servants (police) or the company gunmen took them to the polls.

We wonder how much longer the welfare of the community, will be determined by a group using tactics commonly attributed to Mussolini, and Hitler.

First Labor Candidate
Never at any time was the welfare of the schools made an issue, just as never before was labor in a position to back a candidate.

We have a school system whose budget must be okayed by the company lawyers, of whose 82 teachers only 16 had the courage to vote and not fearful of losing their jobs; which is under staffed to the point of ridicule. Now it has a trio of company stoges for school trustees.

While the CIO candidates lost an election, it was the children especially those of the workers, who lost the most, lost the opportunity of having social-minded teachers, who would not tremble because of the displeasure of the mine operators.

Vote Labor
We workers too, have the doubtful pleasure of knowing that for a year at least, the Simon Legrees of the mines will dictate the destiny of our children. This is only a prelude to the coming election which will mean more to the workers; in the future, don't be misled. You and you alone can defeat these anti-labor stoges. Only organized labor has the courage to oppose these undesirable; vote with organized labor!

FIGHT SAN DIEGO WPA SHUT DOWN

By a WPA Worker
SAN DIEGO—It is impossible to obtain a complete list at this writing of the many projects to be eliminated at the first of this year or sooner.

The Juvenile Delinquency Project announces a shut-down, and everyone is asked to deluge Judge Dean Sherry and Bertha Trowbridge, president of the Bureau of Child Welfare, with letters demanding its continuance. The Workers Alliance will use all of its influence and power.

The WPA band has been notified that it will be discontinued at the first of the year. All efforts will be made to get the city to sponsor this valuable project. Everyone can aid by writing to the City Council. The Symphony orchestra has also been threatened.

A SPECIAL PAGE OF TRADE UNION NEWS, DEVELOPMENTS AND FEATURES

O'Sullivan and Christopherson named in Pedro plot against National Maritime Union, threatening Coast-wise lockout—William Z. Foster's pamphlet exposes Railway Labor Act menace to Maritime Workers—Racketeer rule in Hollywood union exposed—Other labor news on regular news pages.

Uncover Racketeer Dictatorship in IA Film Studio Union

No Meetings, No Officers, Only High Assessments—Knifing of Assembly Committee Probe Is Threatened

By WALKER EVANS

HOLLYWOOD—How would you like to belong to a union that hasn't held a meeting nor elected officers in two years?

—Whose international president throws it into receivership, seizes its records, negotiates contracts on its behalf, calls its members out on phony strikes?

—Whose funds are turned over to these phony presidents to be disbursed as he sees fit without an accounting?

—Whose members are assessed 2 per cent of their earnings without ever having voted it?

—Whose initiation fees have been boosted from \$10 to \$100 in some instances?

Conditions in IATSE

These conditions exist today in the Int'l. Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees—you guessed it, an AFL affiliate—claiming 12,000 members among Hollywood cameramen, sound technicians, utility men and grips.

Blowing the lid off this sewer, the State Assembly committee on labor and capital has launched a sweeping probe into the racketeering activities of the IATSE officials, sniffing for cover many of the RATs who have grown fat and sleek on the earnings of film factory workers.

Under cover of secrecy, the committee rounded up a few of these beady-eyed animals with the long, scabby tails.

First witness was William Bi-off, IA business representative, who was caught in the act of pulling a phony walk-out at Columbia studios.

No Meetings

Dressed in a flashy green suit and red shirt, Bi-off sullenly answered questions by Assemblyman Paul Richie, who, ironically enough, was once employed on a rodent control project in San Diego.

Bi-off: Where is the union meeting place?

Bi-off: We don't meet.

Richie: What attempt has been made to elect officers?

Bi-off: None. Until our international sees fit and until the local can run itself. Harlan Holmd-n (international vice-president) and myself have been assigned to run the affairs of the union.

Richie: Who authorized the strike called at Columbia this afternoon?

Bi-off: I did, under instructions from the international president.

Richie: Did the membership have any voice in voting the strike?

Bi-off: No. There was no vote taken.

This is only a curtain-raiser to disclosures to follow if the Assembly committee does its duty. Unfortunately, the interim committees appointed by Speaker William Mosley Jones are rapidly assuming the character of "shake-down" committees. This is not intended to throw doubt on integrity of Assemblymen Jack B. Tenney, John Gee Clark, Fred Reaves and Richie—committee members whose voting records merit support of all progressives. It is to warn that these fine legislators may unwittingly become the dupes of Speaker Jones who has a strange hold on all interim committees, and who can cut off their funds on a minute's notice.

Law Partners

Observers were not reassured last week by Jones' appointment of C. Clayton S. Adams and William C. Silliman—both of whom operate out of his office as investigators to examine the IA books.

It is the law partner Col. William H. Neblett already special prosecutor for the committee investigating the Pacific Mutual. Jones has given employment to everyone even remotely associated with the law firm of McAdoo, Neblett & Warner, and its peculiar brand of politics.

Already, disquieting rumors are being bruited about that Messrs. Adams & Silliman have approached certain film executives intimating the IA investigation can be quashed for a price.

Will Demand Continuance

Bona fide studio unions—such as the Actors', Writers' and Directors' Guilds—are prepared to bombard the committee with requests that the investigation continue, should any attempt be made to kill it.

Meanwhile, if the committee forges ahead without interference from Jones, it will uncover some interesting facts:

Both Bi-off and Browne stem from Chicago, where at one time they reputedly mugged as such notorious mugs as "Tommey" Maloy, later the victim of one of those mysterious murders.

Underworld character of the of such common knowledge recently, when gangster Bruneman was shot down.

Exposes Rail Act



WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

The anti-labor functions of the Railway Labor Act are thoroughly exposed in Foster's latest pamphlet, "Railroad Workers Forward," on sale at all workers' bookstores at 10c.

Point of Order

A Trade Union Column

By JOHN BROMAN

SAN FRANCISCO labor wants unity. This isn't news to any trade unionist, particularly in San Francisco, but it IS news when the AFL Central Labor Council unanimously votes to let the AFL-CIO union conference know "our sentiments for unity."

Many "aye" delegates were compelled by overwhelming rank and file demand. And if a poll were taken, the same rank and file would demand acceptance of the CIO proposals, for unity on industrial unionism base.

It is also news when Dan Tobin, Teamsters' International president, writes urging that "the rank and file where they are permitted to express themselves should not hesitate to tell their leaders, when in conference assembled, just how they feel on this split in the great family of the organized workers."

Tobin further stated that two-thirds of the last AFL conference was taken up by "continuing denunciation and continued arguments and explanations of the CIO. Some of this valuable time was, in our judgment, wasted."

Therefore, Dave "Goon Squad" Beck of Seattle, and "Czar" John P. McLaughlin of San Francisco, are going against the line of their international union in their "war" against the CIO.

Fees Jacked Up

Initiation fees have been upped in certain classifications from \$10 to \$100, which, together with quarterly dues of \$9.75, yields an income of nearly \$425,000 a year.

All funds are turned over to Browne, who has carte blanche authority to disburse them as he sees fit, with no accounting required.

Through some happy circumstance, movie producers have hit upon a formula for solving their labor problems. For years they have used the simple expedient of seeing that two union factions are kept alive. When one makes trouble, the industry allies with the other.

Producers Use IA

In the 1937 strike of the Federation of Motion Picture Crafts, the producers used the IATSE not only as a strikebreaker, but as a decoy to lure the other craft unions into a dark corner where the producers could shove a gun in their ribs.

The IA has not yet outlived its usefulness to the producers, still serves as a lever against the other crafts and to keep the CIO out of Hollywood.

"Times" Flip-Flop

A humorous sidelight to the IA investigation is the Los Angeles Times' treatment of it. Learning the Assembly committee was launching its probe, the Times played the story big on the front page, hoping to smear bona fide trade unions with racketeering charges.

But the producers must have explained that the IA is no ordinary union. Next day, the Times came out with an editorial accusing the Assembly committee of "picking on Hollywood."

"It is true," states the editorial, "that the Int'l. Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees has most of the studios in a pretty tight grip, but the studios have not openly complained, and why the committee should go out looking for trouble is not very plain."

P. S. The Times blamed it all on Harry Bridges!

Hardware Stores Struck

In S.F. Mission District

SAN FRANCISCO—Department Store Employees Local 1100 struck two hardware stores in the Mission district last Wednesday, as an answer to discrimination against six union clerks and refusal of the owner, H. L. Howse, to meet wage and hour demands.

Railway Labor Act Called Bosses' Tool; Marine Men Warned

William Z. Foster Exposes Compulsory Arbitration Under Railroad Statute In His Latest Pamphlet

The U. S. Maritime Commission proposes to set up a Maritime Mediation Board along the lines of the Railway Labor Act, in legislation being submitted to the current special session of Congress.

Capitalist newspapers throughout the country (including the San Francisco Chronicle) are taking up the cry for this legislation, lauding the Railway Labor Act to the skies.

WHAT IS THE RAILWAY LABOR ACT? Why are the maritime unions (National Maritime Union and the Pacific Coast unions) fighting this proposal for a Maritime Labor Act, based on this statute?

And why are American Federation of Labor top officials (William Green, Joseph P. Ryan, Paul Scharenberg & Co.) intimating to congressmen and senators that they favor this proposed law?

What the Railway Labor Act has meant to the railroad workers in speed-up, mass layoffs and inadequate wage scales, is thoroughly exposed by William Z. Foster, national chairman of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen, in his latest pamphlet, "Railroad Workers Forward!"

In order to throw light on this latest shipowners' maneuver against the maritime workers, sections of this pamphlet dealing with the Railway Labor Act are reprinted, as follows:

By WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

DURING the World War the railroad workers built up a very powerful organization of some 1,800,000 members. It was militant and progressive. Under the big mass upsurge of that period, the railroad unions were developing a greater and greater solidarity through local, system, divisional and

workers and made arbitration semi-compulsory.

Hog-Tied Unions

The railroad union leaders hailed the Watson-Parker law as a great victory, but the Communists denounced it correctly as highly injurious to railroad unionism and they were condemned and expelled from the unions for so doing.

In a pamphlet I wrote at the time, I said this law "virtually fastens compulsory arbitration upon the necks of railroad workers, it outlaws strikes."

The Watson-Parker law is a blow at the vitals of railroad unionism. And so it has turned out in fact. Between the effects of the semi-compulsory arbitration of the Railway Labor Act and the non-militant attitude of the union leaders, the 21 railroad unions have sunk deeply into a no-strike program. They have also developed other reactionary tendencies. From being the progressive head of the labor movement, as they were in 1920, they have become its tail-end.

Owners Sneer

True, the railroad union leaders talk big, adopt radical demands, and take strike votes. Such maneuvers may fool some workers but certainly the companies are not deceived by them. The railroad owners know that when they say "no," the union leaders subside.

The employers even sneer about it in their trade journals. Said the Wall Street Journal recently: "No one supposes that strike votes mean a strike; things don't happen that way in the railroad industry."

The notorious anti-labor sheet, the Chicago Tribune (August 7) scoffs at the no-strike policy of the unions thus:

Need to Throw Off Act

"Twenty years ago the threat of a railway walkout would have been front page news. Business men would have been frantically facing a nationwide stoppage of industry. It would have been a national crisis equal only to the prospect of war. Today a strike vote is merely a ripple in the course of events, and the membership of the brotherhoods scarcely takes it seriously."

It is high time that the railroad unions wake up and cut themselves loose from the strangling meshes of the Railway Labor Act. This law should be changed to strike out all its semi-compulsory arbitration features.

Meanwhile, the railroad unions should adopt a line of vigorous action on both the industrial and political fields. Such a policy will translate itself into higher living standards, better jobs and greater security for railroad workers, as well as in an enormous strengthening of the whole labor movement.

Bartenders Hold 3rd Annual Ball

SAN FRANCISCO—Featuring a "Treasure Island" contest and 20 acts from leading night club floor shows, the third annual Bartenders' Ball will be held next Thursday night, November 18, at Dreamland Auditorium.

The affair is a benefit for the Bartenders' Union benevolent fund, which assists sick members and their families.

BOSSSES GAIN, UNIONS LOSE UNDER RAILWAY LABOR ACT

The results of the semi-compulsory arbitration features of the Railway Labor Act, both for the workers and for the employers, are shown in concrete figures, as follows:

Workers Got

SPEED-UP: Increase of nearly 46 per cent in revenue ton-miles hauled without any increase in the number of railroad workers employed, from 1921 to 1929; from 1932 to 1936, average output per railroad employee increased 45 per cent.

LAYOFFS: Because of the speed-up, 1,200,000 railroad workers are now doing practically as much work, measured in revenue ton-miles, as 2,000,000 did 17 years ago—the remaining 800,000 have been driven out of the industry.

WAGES: Same wage scales as in 1921; even with recent 5c raise, railroaders get from 11c to 30c an hour less than similarly skilled workers in steel, auto, rubber and electrical industries.

Employers Got

PROFITS: Between years 1920 and 1930 alone, railroad owners received about five billion dollars in dividends, plus some seven and one-half billion in fixed charges, or about enough to rebuild the whole railroad system; profits in 1937 will run well over \$300,000,000 more than last year, plus several hundred million dollars in bond interest.

MORE PROFITS: On October 22 last, the Interstate Commerce Commission granted freight rates increases to Class 1 railroads, totaling \$47,500,000 annually. Carriers have just asked for more freight rate increases totaling an estimated \$459,500,000 annually, and passenger rate increases totaling \$48,500,000 annually.

Foc'sle and Dock

By BILL SMITH

BACK in New York City and in Washington, D. C., they're cooking up a putrid mess for maritime workers. Hearst's stooge, Senator Copeland, the shipowners' stooge Kennedy of the Maritime Commission and a flock of others are drawing up "legislation" to be presented at the forthcoming special session of Congress.

Using the attempted frame-up against the crew of the S. S. Algic, they are going to propose laws guaranteed to put the fear of God into the seamen of the U. S. merchant marine. They are going to "teach 'em discipline."

The Algic case is a springboard which every puppet of the shippers is using in a frenzied attempt to tie the seamen hand and foot, put them under civil service, prohibit strikes, slash wages, smash the unions, and man the ships with Government slaves.

Shackles for Labor

THEY want to pass a law for seamen similar to the Railway Labor Act. Here is the way it will work:

The food is lousy, the wages low. Seamen decide to strike. They take a strike vote, set a date for the walk-out. Then a government board steps in, automatically delaying the strike 60 days while an "investigation" is made. Two months have gone by, remember, and the grub is still lousy, the wages still low. If by this time the seamen have not been starved into submission, the President has the right to appoint another "investigator." More time passes. Finally a "recommendation" is handed down.

You've got to accept this "recommendation" even if it proposes a wage cut instead of an increase. You've got to accept because that's the law. Senator Guffey has been picked to introduce this measure at the special session.

NMU Leads Fight

NOW THE National Maritime Union already has a legislative committee in Washington to conduct the fight against these semi-fascist proposals.

You can argue all you please against seamen taking a direct part in politics, but it must be clear by now the seamen have to conduct a real fight against these repressive and strikebreaking legislative measures.

And in order to conduct an effective fight the seamen, East, Gulf and West Coasts, have got to put up a solid united front against the powers that are fighting them.

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Pedro Plot On NMU Is Uncovered

Marchan Maersk Picketing A Lockout Threat. Urged By Anti-CIO Officials

SAN PEDRO—As facts came to light on the picket line around the Danish steamer Marchan Maersk last week, three local union officials were linked in a conspiracy to discredit the National Maritime Union and threatening to cause a coast-wise lockout of 40,000 to 50,000 Pacific Coast maritime workers.

The officials were: B. J. O'Sullivan, Marine Firemen's agent here, who is connected with the discredited and ousted J. E. Ferguson, ex-secretary of the M.F.O.W.

Harry Christopherson, Sailors' Union of the Pacific Agent, who is anti-CIO.

C. R. Hunt, Maritime Federation District Council No. 4 secretary, who is one of the original "dirty dozen" stevedores who filed anti-CIO injunction proceedings against the Longshoremen.

The picket line thrown about the Marchan Maersk by the Scandinavian Seamen's Club, was called off a week ago Monday by vote of a stop-work mass meeting of the Federation, after the club's secretary stated the picket line was ordered on the advice of O'Sullivan and Christopherson.

Lockout Threatened Immediately thereafter, the Sailors' and Firemen's officials, who attempted to turn the ship's scab crew as NMU members, although they had official word to the contrary, attempted to over-ride the decision to call off the picket line, despite the fact that the Waterfront Employers Assn. threatened a lockout unless the ship was unloaded.

An official ILWU 1-13 bulletin, signed by Temporary President E. L. Bowen and Temporary Secretary Tom Brown, declared:

"Since when did joint meetings of the Sailors and Firemen's unions, called for the most part by the officials, over-ride the decisions reached in a Maritime Federation mass meeting? Do these kind of tactics make for unity and solidarity in the Federation? The very people who shriek to the high heavens 'Let's maintain the Federation,' seem to be the ones who are trying to wreck the Federation."

Rank and File Acted However, at the Sailors meeting, a motion by one of Christopherson's followers to non-concur in the decisions of the Federation mass meeting, was defeated by the rank and file. The Sailors rank and file also put through a motion to lift the boycott against tugboats with CIO Inland Boatmen's Union crews.

Hunt sent a communication to the "Voice of the Federation," printed last week's issue, stating of the crew secured by a crimp in a Filipino pool hall in New York:

"They all had union books in their possession, mostly NMU books."

No NMU Books Found Rank and file seamen here declare no NMU books were found aboard ship or in possession of the scabs.

District Council No. 4 had a wire from Frederick Myers, chairman of the NMU district committee, that the ship had been picketed by the NMU as a scab ship in New York Harbor, and that the NMU had cooperated with the Scandinavian Seamen's Club there, 100 per cent.

Capenters Local Reports Majority in Fort Bragg

FORT BRAGG, Mendocino County—Capenters Local 2866, which has filed charges against the Union Lumber Co. with the National Labor Relations Board, reported a membership of 800 out of a total of 1500 potential members.

AFL Unions in S. F. Ask Unity

SAN FRANCISCO—Unity upon the basis of industrial unionism for the mass production and other basic industries, was urged upon the CIO-AFL conference in Washington, D. C., in strong resolutions adopted by Cooks Union, Local 44, and Culinary Miscellaneous Employees, Local 110.

Walters Local 30, Operating Engineers and the Corrugated Fibre Workers also adopted resolutions urging the conference to continue until unity is achieved. All these unions are AFL affiliates.

The last meeting of the AFL Central Labor Council here voted to send a telegram to the parley expressing "our sentiments for unity."

Alaska Union to Get CIO Charter

SAN FRANCISCO—The Alaska Cannery Workers Union, whose membership recently voted for CIO affiliation by a 40 to 1 majority, will have its new charter installed by Harry Bridges, West Coast CIO director, of the CIO, Sunday November 14 at a membership meeting at 32 Clay St. Newly elected officials will also be installed.

A large majority of the 2500 members of the union are expected to attend this historic meeting, said President George Woolf.